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Government

slips into

a minority

after MP dies

By Philip Webster and Andrew Pierce

How women have taken

THE Government yesterday

moved into minority after the

sudden death of lain Mills, 56,

MP for Meriden. West Mid-

lands, where he had a major-

ity of 14,600. The body of Mr

Mills was found at his London

flat by a colleague after he had

not been seen for two days.
The Government's position

is likely to worsen after the

Wirral South by-election, due

to be held at the end of

Senior ministers said last

night that Mr Mills's death

was unlikely to have any impact on John Major's deci-

sion on whether to hold a general election in March 20, April 10 or May 1. But at

Westminster last night the

news added to the sense of a

parliament moving towards

A week ago John Major and

Brian Mawhinney, the Con-

servative chairman, an-

nounced that they were

following parliamentary con-

vention and calling the Wirral South by-election. The Tories

will be two down if Wirral is

lost and vulnerable if Labour

The key to success for Lab-

our would be to find an issue

on which the Ulster Unionists

would side with the Opposi-

tion. So far this week the

Government has comfortably

survived all votes but it

remains vulnerable to an am-

Derek Conway, a senior Government Whip, found Mr Mills's body at lunchtime. He

had become concerned after

the MP had failed to show up

at the Commons since Mon-

day night and went to

Dolphin Square on the Thames Embankment where they both lived. Mr Conway looked through the window of the Willey and the window of the window

Mr Mills's ground-floor flat

bush at any time.

tables a confidence vote.

February or March.

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Greenwich plan 'close to death'

# Millennium plea rejected by Labour

BY PHILIP WEBSTER AND DAMIAN WHITWORTH

TONY BLAIR last night re-fused a last-ditch plea by Michael Heseltine for Labour to underwrite the Millennium Exhibition, leaving the troubled centrepiece of Britain's celebrations of the year 2000 on the brink of collapse.

Millennium Commission sources declared that the Greenwich project was close to death after Mr Blair refused to drop Labour's demand that it could review the project after it came to office and insisted that the costs should be met from the existing budget and not supplemented by a second stream of money from the National Lottery.
Mr Heseltine, the Deputy

Prime Minister, who has invested much political capital in the exhibition, took the umusual step of asking for and getting a meeting with the Labour leader.

But his decision to allow news of the meeting to come out in advance was seen as an attempt to blame Labour for the failure of the plan. It angered Mr Blair although the 25-minute meeting

said to have been civil Mr Heseltine had been trying to persuade Mr Blair to move because the commission feared that uncertainty over Labour's intentions would drive away investors. It was thought thatprivate backers would not out in the money with a three-month threat hanging over their heads.

Comingham, the Shadow National Heritage Secretary, said last night that it had been clear the second stream of lottery money, far from being contingency ex-penditure, was already included in the budget. He denied that he had prevaricated and added: We just cannot see



"It's not easy to get these things sorted out at such short notice"

that it is unreasonable to say that a new government should have the right to review this. We have never dilly dallied. The delays have been because of their failure to come up with

Labour was in favour of an exhibition at Greenwich: "I am saying that this project eed not be lost."

Earlier Simon Jenkins, the former editor of The Times, who is chairman of the festival committee, said: "We can't have hanging over this project the possibility that in four months it will be cancelled.

"The problem at the mo-ment is that although we have a robust budget, we do need the enthusiastic support of the alternative government before we can go ahead. We are told that there may be a review in four months. We cannot recavit staff on that basis. We

cannot get contracts."
Mr Jenkins insisted that Labour had been kept up to date. This is something of a gamble. They have not been

asked for an open-ended commitment. The terms of the possible contingency under-pinning this budget is quite explicit and we have told them about it."

A spokesman for the Millennîum Commission said: "We have delivered a prudent budget and all is needed now is the support of both parties."

It was understood last night that the revised £580 million budget drawn up by Millennium Central, the exhibition organisers, at the request of Labour and the commission, does not take into account inflation and the contingency

These would eat up most if not all of the £200 million that would come from extending the life of the commission by a year. The commission receives 20 per cent of National Lottery cash annually.

There was a sense at the commission last night that Labour had all along earmarked the national lottery money for other projects. Patrick Kerr, public affairs

manager for 280 companies including BAA and British Airways who planned to commit millions to the exhibition. said: "Our reaction is one of exasperation. Business will desert if Labour's backing is not forthcoming."

If the exhibition is scrapped

substantial sums that the Millennium Commission has already spent on the project will be lost. British Airways has also invested a considerable sum in Millennium Central. The Richard Rogers Partnership which was retained to design the dome, and Imagi-nation, the design company who have been devising the exhibition itself, have eaten up large sums.



# Pop group banned over 'Ecstasy is safe' claim

By KATHRYN KNIGHT

lem" with Ecstasy. "In the long run, it's a safe pill and it

He also admitted driving

while on Ecstasy. "It just

but if it makes you feel better

ain'i doing you no harm."

FOURTEEN television and radio stations yesterday banned records by the pop group East 17 after the lead inger, Brian Harvey, said Ecstasy was a safe drug that made users "better people".

The stations were responding to an interview with Harvey, 22, whose chart-topping group is idolised by teenagers, in which he said the drug "increases love" between people. He boasted he had once taken 12 pills in a night.

The singer, whose com-ments were condemned by John Major as "wholly wrong", later apologised, admitting he had been "stupid" and "irresponsible". However, he had already provoked fury and a deluge of complaints. Carlton Television, which

had an interview with the group scheduled for the children's programme Hey Scratchy on Saturday morning, dropped it in protest.

Harvey, who has previously admitted enjoying cannabis. at the weekend and you go out Ecstasy and cocaine, was and have a good time, I don't being interviewed on the London radio station LBC life's too short. There's too yesterday to help promote a new single, Hey Child. He said he "didn't see the probmany restrictions."

Paul Betts, whose daughter Leah died aged 18 after taking Ecstasy, said: "Young people pay more attention to what someone like him is saying than to anyone trying to warn them of the dangers." Mike Hollingsworth, man-aging director of 963 Liberty in

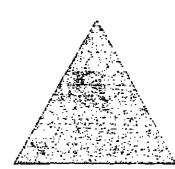
brings something out in you, that's why people do it. They like it." He urged those who enjoyed using Ecstasy to con-London, said: "We will not be playing any more East 17 tinue. "I'm not saying you should take drugs to be liked. music unless these disgraceful remarks are withdrawn and a full apology is given to the families of Leah Betts and all and gives you something to do the other young victims of drug addiction."

in the Commons, Mr Major id: "Drug taking, any drug taking, leads to hard drugs and we have often seen, ends

in tragedy."

Later, in an interview, Mr Harvey said: "What I'd say to our fans is don't do it."

Men at work.



(See above).



**CASK ALE SINCE 1777** 

### Viewers may need Channel 5 aerials

By ERIC REGULY AND ALEXANDRA FREAN

BRITAIN'S newest television station, Channel 5, faced a fresh crisis last night when it emerged that up to four mil-lion homes will need new television aerials to pick up a clear service when it starts broadcasting on March 31.

The bill for the new aerials, which cost from £40 to £200 each, could exceed £500 million and will have to be met by viewers. People living in parts of London and in Chellenham and Gloucester, Chelmsford, Bedford, Nottingham, Plymouth, Lincolnshire, Edinburgh, Liverpool and Aber-

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ystwyth are most likely to require the new aerials.

Charmel 5 is under no obligation to foot the bill. It is required under its licence only to returne video recorders so that they can receive the channel without interference: that will cost the company £150 million.

The station agreed that some viewers will require new aerials, or aerial power boosters, but said estimates of how many will be needed will not Continued on page 2, col 1

FROM QUENTIN LETTS

IN NEW YORK

THE son of Bill Cosby, the television

comedy actor who is sometimes called

"America's favourite father figure", was

shot dead in the mountains above Los

Angeles yesterday.

Ennis Cosby, in his 20s, was found dead beside his Mercedes sports car. Police suspect murder and said that it may have been a "carjacking" that went

The number plate of the descried, dark-coloured Mercedes, NNS COSBY,

alerted police to the identity of the dead

### Labour lead cut by six points

The gap between Tories and Labour has begun to narrow according to today's Gallup poll for The Daily Telegraph. The poli puts Labour on 50.5 per cent, down two points since December, and the Tories on 32.5 per cent, up four. The Liberal Democrats have tropped by one point from 11.5 to 10.5.

£3,000 bonuses for policy-holders

More than one million policy-holders with Scottish Amicable will share in bonuses worth up to £3,000 after the mutual announced plans to float on the stock market within three to five years \_\_\_\_\_Page 23 Evans to quit

Chris Evans is to leave his Radio One breakfast programme after Matthew Bannister, the station's controller,

refused to let him work a four-Comedian Bill Cosby's son shot dead in carjacking

### graduated from a teacher training coll- Anthony Alba of the Los Angeles police ege in Atlanta, Georgia, was the actor's said: "The victim was apparently having

The star's Hollywood publicist, Joel Brokaw, said that he had received confirmation from the Los Angeles Police Department that the dead man was indeed Ennis Cosby. It was rumoured that Mr Cosby Snr himself first learned of his son's death from a tabloid newspaper reporter who telephoned to

only son. He died of a single gunshot

ask him for a comment. . The Mercedes was found on the verge of a road at the top of the Sepulveda Pass, in the Santa Monica Mountains. Its hazard lights were on Lieutenant cartrouble and stopped to change a tyre. He was killed as the result of a single gunshot wound. The car was found with the boot open and the door open on the passenger side."

Bill Cosby. 54, known for his genial manner and perfect timing, has long been a popular figure of paternal benevolence in America. The Cosbv Show was a long-running prime-time hit on American and international tele-vision, and Mr Cosby recently made a highly successful return to the small screen in an American version of BBC television's One Foot in the Grave.



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and saw him lying face down on the bed. He called a doctor and they broke down the door. The MP was certified dead at the scene. A post mortem examination will be held today but early indications are that Mr Mills had suffered a heart atrack. Mr Mills was in the headfines in April when he was arrested for drunkenness and released with a warning after spending four-and-a-half hours in a police cell. He had been found lying in Great



dead at his flat

of Parliament and Tory Cen-

Mrs Gaynor Mills, who lived in the couple's house in Warwickshire, was told of his death by Tory officials.

Mr Major said last night: He was a concientious MP and colleague. His sudden death has shocked us all." Glasgow-born Mr Mills was educated in Zimbabwe,

and studied chemical engineering at the University of Cape Town. His interests included the car industry, road safety, and animal welfare.

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# Wind section leads way in concerto of cant

the most telling. Exasperated by the gutter-quality of the questions Labour MPs were asking at Treasury Questions yesterday. Phillip Oppenheim, the Exchequer Secretary. exploded.

'So catty!" he shouted, "so

At this point we could see Mr Oppenheim racking his brains for something so abysmal as to be comparable with Opposition tactics. This did not take him long.

... so silly that the 'demon eyes' [Tory campaign] looked positively cerebral, and spiritual by comparison."

What a pass things have come to when, to demonstrate the depth of their contempt for that these plumb even greater depths than their own!

Oppenheim's boss, Kenneth Clarke, was in the doghouse again. In his habitual, jolly way, he had apparently used the phrase "you can't win them all" in response to the loss of thousands of jobs at Ford's plant at Halewood. One begins to understand Mr Clarke's fellow-feeling with his continental counterparts, who do not seem obliged to pick their way with such delicacy through the minefield of media sensitivities. A French Minister of Posts and

Telecommunications, I re-

member, reacted to a post-

men's strike in the 1970s with

the quip: "Only a moron

plained the overwhelming opposition local residents were putting up to the erection of a nuclear power station, replied: "If you want to drain the marsh, don't consult the frogs." There is a place for our Chancellor in European

As Opposition MPs summoned up what synthetic indignation they could over the Halewood "gaffe", Clarke sat on the Front Bench yesterday,

MATTHEW PARRIS POLITICAL SKETCH cheeks puffed out and grinwould be a postman in the first place." One of his colning a little self-consciously, leagues, asked how he ex-

like a naughty schoolboy secretly proud of his misdemeanour, and intent on brazening it out. He maintained the same

mien ten minutes later, sitting beside John Major at Prime Minister's Questions. This was Mr Major's first of the year. How many left to go? We could even be into single figures, and the same could be true of Tony Blair as Opposition Leader. The kick off to 1997 yesterday was pretty disfaced Barry Legg (C, Milton Keynes SW) asked Major to join him in condemning the man who had said that taking Ecstasy cheered him up. Anything that cheered Mr Legg up would be worth a try.

Labour began an orchestrated campaign from the backbenches, huffing and puffing over their scare (which they patently do not believe) about alleged Tory plans to impose VAT on food.

In this concerto of cant, their Leader plays the solo instrument — a plaintive oboe — while the backbenchers join in with wind, strings and percussion. The Tories' contribution is to squeak and gasp with indignation, their own soloist,

Major, stamping his feet and crying foul.

Yesterday Blair seemed to have hit on a foolproof formula: ask Major if in 1992 he did or did not ("yes or no?") demy he would raise VAT; watch him squirm: accuse him of planning to tax food (starve pensioners, massacre babies, strangle kittens) then, when he denies any such plan, remind everyone that this is what he said about VAT, too.

Cheap? Indeed. Unfair? Undoubtedly. But it's a game both sides can play, and both sides will. From one unidentified backbench voice yester-day came the shout "Bloody fools!" The voice was quickly silenced by the Chair. But it. spoke for many of us.

### Clegg case referred to Court of Appeal

The paratrooper Lee Clegg is to have his conviction for the murder of a teenage joyrider in Belfast referred to the Northern Ireland Court of Appeal. Sir Patrick Mayhew. the Northern Ireland Secretary, announced that he would refer the case "in the light of new forensic evidence" compiled since Lance Corporal Clegg's convic tion in 1993 for the killing of Karen Reilly in west Belfast in 1990. His supporters say that the evidence, based on a series of ballistic and foreusic tests, shows that the shots fired by the paratrooper were legal and identifies a different soldier as firing the bullet which killed Miss

### E-coli claims 17th victim

yesterday with the death of an elderly woman at a nursing home near Falkirk. Forth Valley Health Board said that the pensioner had been treated at Falkirk and District Royal Infirmary but had spent the last few weeks at the nursing home in Banknock. Three other pensioners at the home have died since the outbreak started last November. Two residents are still said to be poorly.

### Fowl shooting ban lifted

A ban on the shooting of wildfowl, imposed on Ianuary 10 because of the cold weather, will be lifted from 9am tomorrow after several days of milder conditions and an improvement in the birds' condition. The decision by the Department of the Environment allows the shooting of duck, geese and waders until the season ends on January 31. Shooters are still being urged to observe a voluntary

### Pact on benefit cheats

Britain and Canada have signed an international Britan and Canada have signed an international agreement to swap intelligence about social security cheats. Peter Lilley, the Social Security Secretary, announced his intention to take his light against benefit fraud worldwide after expatriates were found to be abusing the system. British taxpayers pay £1 billion of benefits to \$00,000 people abroad each year, including £125 million to those who have emigrated to Canada.

### Benefits fraudster jailed

A civil servant at the Department of Social Security who masterminded a £233,090 benefits fraud was jailed for five years. Edwin Adu, 38, of Edgware, north London, keyed scores of false claims into his computer using the names and National Insurance numbers of West Africans who had left Britain, Harrow Crown Court was told. A team of "encashers" then claimed the money.

### Cult children released

Claire Scott was flying home last night after freeing her twin sons and daughter from the International Saturday Group cult run by their grandmother, Nadine, near Lisbon in Portugal. I understand they will miss their friends but I want to get them out of the clutches of this organisation," said Mrs Scott. She added that she feared they might try to abscond back to Portugal.

### Plea for Catholic education

The Archbishop of Westminster, Cardinal Basil Hume, has demanded that Roman Catholics send their children to Catholic schools to half the "decay" of morals in society and prevent the further marginalisation of religion. He was speaking amid concern that wealthy Catholics are Catholic schools to take pupils of other faiths

### Hair-raising feat rewarded

A couple in their seventies received a good citizenship award for their part in the first prosecution in Britain to rely on a DNA test on hair taken at the scene of the crime. Doreen Rooke, from Plymouth, grabbed the evidence from a burgiar who was jailed for 18 months. She and her husband, Donald, were commended by Chief Constable John Evans of Devon and Cornwall police.

### Housing officer cleared

A housing officer has been cleared by a disciplinary panel investigating a complaint that he had warned residents on an estate that a convicted paedophile had moved in nearby. Michael Wood had been suspended on full pay by Birmingham City Council since November. He was accessed of breaching confidentiality rules over George Taylor, who had been jailed for an attack on a girl.

### Town clerk suspended

The town council derk who was at the centre of a row when it emerged he was being paid a salary of \$71,000 has been suspended pending a second investigation within a year. The new probe has been launched into an alleged overpayment of £4,000 to Michael Wheaton, 52, clerk to Gooke Town Council in East Yorks, after a report by the

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### Musical pleasure in store

A CD that features five minutes of lift noises goes on sale next Monday. Great Lift Journeys, of Norwick by Dominic Russell-Price and Peter Roberts gives a leading role to the lift in the Debenhams store in their home city, with shoppers' chat and doors opening. "When you look into it, you find out that people are getfuinely interested in lifts." Mr Purestl. Price could lifts," Mr Russell-Price said

# Labour in U-turn on bugging proposals

LABOUR withdrew its support from key parts of the Police Bill yesterday, leaving Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, fighting to head off a defeat in the Lords over proposals to increase police bugging powers.

Jack Straw, the Shadow Home Secretary, and Labour's home affairs team bowed to mounting criticism from judges, the legal profession, and the press over the "instrusive surveillance" powers and came out in support of iudicial curbs on the use of

bugging. Within hours of Labour ending its its alliance with the Government, Government tabled concessions to the Bill. But critics last night said the Government had failed to go

Lord Bingham of Cornhill, the Lord Chief Justice, is expected to attend Monday's debate and may, along with Conservative peers such as Lord Alexander of Weedon

Labour amendments. Last night the Government conceded that when chief constables authorise police to

### **Review of** sex crimes

TOUGHER penalties for some sex offences involving children are to be considered in a review of maximum sentences. The review by officials from the Home Office, government legal departments, the Scottish and Northern Ireland Offices will concentrate on anomalies which recent cases have highlighted. Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, said it would ensure penalties reflected the gravity of different offences.

enter premises and place listening devices, the Commissioner, the senior judge who will monitor the use of the powers, must be notified as soon as practicable. However the crucial authority to make the decision will remain with the police, although it is subject to scrutiny.

Secondly, sensitive cases such as those involving lawyers, journalists and doctors who hold confidential information, will have to be scrutinised by the Commis-sioner within 48 hours.

The surveillance however may have taken place by then, or be under way. The Commissioner will have specific power to quash the authorisations, even if they

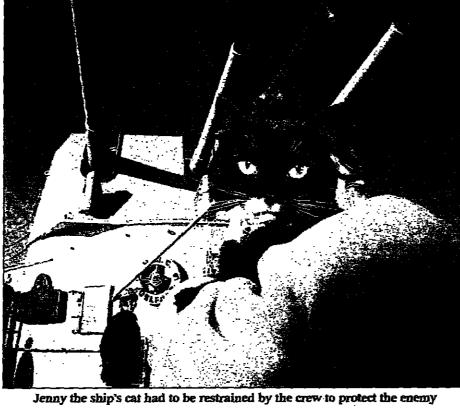
are going on. Thirdly, the authorisations by the chief constables can now only run for three months, not six, or 72 hours in the case of emergencies.

Mr Howard said the Government would fight Opposi-"second guesss" chief constables by giving the decision on the use of surveillance to the Commissioner.

He said: "I believe these are all important improvements. They show the Gopvernment is determined to strike the right balance between the operational effectiveness of these crucial techniques and ensuring that a careful watch

kept on their use." But last night the Law Society, the Bar, Liberty and others who have all campaigned strongly against the Bill were lining up in support of Labour's more far-reaching

Labour proposes that the prior approval of the judge acting as a Commissioner should be needed before premises are entered to place listening devices.



# City fox surrenders after brush with battleship's cat

By Michael Hornsby

BRITAIN'S only surviving Second World War cruiser, HMS Belfast, added to her terday when Jenny, the blackand-white ship's cat, saw off a sneak attack by an urban fox.

The crew were going about their duties on the warship, moored on the South Bank opposite the Tower of London, when they spotted the intruder on the quarterdeck at 0930 hours and the order went out to repel

boarders. Jon Wenzel, HMS Belfast's director, said: "The fox had strolled across the gangway unnoticed. Jenny was sun-ning herself at the time but went straight into action. She chased the fox into the wardroom and, in the best traditions of the Navy, engaged the

enemy more closely. "It was not much of a contest. The fox, although larger, was terrified and took



The fox, safe behind bars

generator. If members of the crew had not been there to pull Jenny off she would undoubtedly have inflicted heavy damage."

The crew managed to confine the spitting and hissing cat in another room and kept the fox, a three-year-old male. penned in until the arrival of John Williams, an RSPCA ambulanceman.

If not quite holed below the waterline, the fox had sustained a nasty bite on its back. It was taken to the RSPCA's animal hospital in Putney, in shelter under an electricity

south-west London, where the wound was cleaned and antibiotics administered.

"We will release the fox somewhere in the Southwark vital the fox is returned to its own territory otherwise it would be attacked by other urban foxes.

"People think that foxes pose a threat to domestic cats, but a cat will always see a fox off. In the open a fox will always take care to stay well out of reach."

There will be no extrarations for Jenny, who is a touch on the portly side, but plans are afoot to present her with a mock General Service Medal for conduct well beyond the call of normal mousing and ratting duties.

HMS Belfast, owned by the Imperial War Museum since 1971, opened the bombard-ment of the Normandy coast on D-Day in 1944 and also helped sink the German warship Scharnhorst in the Battle of the North Cape.

### **Princess** plans new action on mines ban

FROM INIGO GILMOUR IN LUANDA

DIANA, Princess of Wales, last night vowed to continue her support for a world ban on landmines and accused politi-cians who had criticised her of being "unhelpful".

In a parting shot at ministers who had complained about her call for a ban on antipersonnel mines, the Princess said: "I'm not a political figure. The fact is I'm a humanitarian figure, always have been, always will be."

In a statement shortly before she left Angola, the Princess said that her "first-hand experience of the suffering caused by landmines "has convinced me that I must play a part in the worldwide cam-

paign to ban them."

I hope that my visit will encourage others to join the campaign and ease the plight of the victims of landmines here in Angola and all over the world," she added.

Earlier, at Red Cross head-Luanada, the Princess was dismissive of the controversy her visit to the war-rayaged country has generated. She said that the political furore

was "merely a distraction". "It is not helpful, things like that," she said. "But it does entwined with a political issue. I understand that."

The Princess was in Angola this week to lend her support to the Red Cross campaign for a worldwide ban on landmines, despite severing her official connections with the charity six months ago.

The Princess said that she hoped to visit Bosnia, Cambodia and Afghanistan as a Red Cross volunteer. "There are so many countries that need help in some way and millions of landmines sitting dormant. Someone has got to do something.

"I see this as a long term commitment," she said, although the Princess emphasised that this did not mean she would re-establish links with other charities.

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# Channel 5 viewers face £500m bill for new television aerials

Continued from page 1 be available until the channel starts broadcasting. The Independent Television Commission estimates that as many as three million of the 15 million homes within the Channel 5 broadcast area may be affected. But the Confederation of Aerial Industries, which represents 420 of the nation's 2,000 aerial installers, said

that the figure could be as high as four million.

Aerial installers expect a sales bonanza. Chris Garvin, an engineer at Aerial Services in London, said: This will create much more work for us, but I think a lot of people won't bother with new aerials because of

NTL, the American-owned com-

pany that installed Channel 5's national transmission network, said that many viewers will need new aerials because, in almost all cases, the channel uses lower power signals than the BBC, independent televison or Channel 4. Bruce Randall, a spokesman for NTL, said that if they had used the same or greater power. they would have interfered with the

reception quality of all five terrestial channels.

City analysts said that the aerial problem could damage Channel 5's audience ratings if many of the households with poor reception chose not to upgrade their aerials. With fewer viewers, Channel 5 would have

to drop its advertising rates. Channel 5 said that, although it had never hidden the fact that many aerials would need to be replaced, it had not publicised it widely either. A spokesman for the station said: "We do not want people to rush out and buy new aerials until Channel 5 starts broadcasting because not everyone will need them."

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### Father told sons: 'We have to bluff it out'

# Boys'treated like dirt smashed mother's head'

TWO teenage boys bludgeoned their mother to death after enduring years of emotional and mental torture, a court was told yesterday.

Glenn Howells, 17, and his brother John, 15, smashed their mother Eve's skull at least ten times with a hammer after their father. David. promised them jet skis and a holiday, Leeds Crown Court

But Franz Muller, QC, for the prosecution, said that although the boys - who were 15 and 14 when their mother was killed - tried to make the murder of the "strict and uncaring" religious education teacher look like a bungled burglary, they were caught out by forensic tests and covert tapes of conversations with their father after they were

The court was told that the body of Mrs Howells, 48, was found on a beambag in the living room of the family bungalow on August 31, 1995. That evening her husband had gone to play darts at a local pub as usual, John and Glenn were at home with their mother and after John had given her a pedicure, as he usually did on a Thursday night, she told them to take the dog for a walk. The boys told police that when they returned she told them to go out again because they had not exercised

the dog properly.

Glenn told police that he had found the body in the blood-spattered living room as he returned. He said his brother, who had been riding. his bike, returned a few min-

Mr Muller said that Mr. Howells had "the perfect alibi". But this was an essential part of the plan he said, which was devised by all three.
Mr Howells, 48, of Hud-

his sons all deng murder. Glenn admits manslaughter on the grounds of provocation. abuse at them. Mr. Muller said Mr. How. Detectives quickly became ells, a heavy drinker, stood to suspicious of the boys after inherit £155,000 after his wife's examining evidence from the death. The couple had mar- murder scene. Mrs Howells's ried in 1972, but Mr Howells ... position indicated that she had

dersfield, west Yorkshire, and



Clockwise from top left: Glenn Howells, his younger brother John, father David, and his wife Eve, whom they are accused of killing

had found out a few months before that she had been involved in a 12-year affair with his best friend, Russell Hirst, the boys' godfather who

was named in both their wills. But the main motive, Mr Muller said, came from the way Mrs Howells treated her family. The teacher, who "frightened to death" pupils at her school, had an eating disorder and was only six stone when she died. She kept a padlock on the freezer and was preoccupied with her family's eating habits, ran all the family finances, dominated her husband and children

and continually screamed

been at ease with the person who attacked her, and had made no attempt to defend herself. Blood was found on Glenn's socks, but the only place on the carpet where it had been trodden on was the position where the killer

would have stood. The next day when all three identified Mrs Howells's body, Glenn showed little emotion until the others cried, and soon regained his composure. A policeman noticed Glenn wink twice at his brother, and smirk

The teenagers were arrested three weeks after the murder and taped secretly when they spoke to their father. On one occasion their father said: "We have just got to bluff it out. If you two break, I'm in as well, so we've got to stick together." Later Glenn said: "You said:

will wait for you ... We will have a new life together . . . We will have plenty of money." Mr Howells was arrested nearly a month after his sons and while on remand he told a

we were going to have a good life," and his father replies:

Yes, we are. I promise you I

cell mate, Barry Johnson, that they had been "excellent all the way through". Mr Muller said: "Mr Johnson asked him how he'd planned it, and he said he'd chosen his elder son

because he was the bigger. In November 1996 the younger son spoke to the police again and said the murder was planned by the three of them and his role was to get rid of the evidence. He said: "She didn't treat us like her sons, she treated us like dirt. We'd all come to an agreement - my brother was to do it and I'd get rid of the clothes." The court was told that John later took police to a canal in Wakefield where the hammer was found. The box said that all three of them had considered killing his mother when they were on holiday the previous year by pushing her off the balcony. However, the plan failed because her room

was on the first floor. Mrs Howells also closed a joint account she had with her husband, opening one in each of their names instead and putting £51,000 in her account and £100 in her husband's. Last November, while John was on remand, he made a statement in which he admitted that it had been agreed among the three of them that they would kill his mother. He said: "We all knew it would be better for us when she was dead." John said he was

confessing in the hope of getting a reduced sentence. Gary Burrell, defending Glenn, said: "It will be Glenn Howells's defence that over a period of some five years, perhaps a little longer, his mother subjected him to severe and repeated emotional and mental abuse and cruelty until he reached the stage where he could no longer tolerate that behaviour, lost his self-control, and took her

# Lady Apsley with Oliver Lomansey and Ryan. Mr Lomansey, who was sleeping rough, is now working Lady gives the tramp a helping

# hand to find a home and a job

By ROBIN YOUNG

WHENEVER she went shopping Lady Apsley, a former beauty queen, noticed a forlorn beggar, wrapped in blankets against the cold, with his dog.

Now this story of a lady and a tramp

has reached a happy conclusion in Cirencester, Gloucestershire. She has found them temporary accommodation

– and a job for him as well. At first, Lady Apsley, the second wife of Lord Apsley, gave the beggar £1, but as he showed no sign of moving on, she decided she must do more. She went to a delicatessen and bought a beef sandwich for him and a turkey sand-

wich for his dog.
They talked. "He seemed such a nice and intelligent person," she said yesterday. She took him to the office of a local charity for the homeless, enabling Oliver Lomansey. 25, and his alsatian Ryan, 9, to get a roof over their heads

after 14 weeks on the road, and find him

a job as an engineer's chainman on the

Cirencester bypass project.
Lady Apsley. 31, formerly Sara Chapman, a member of a bookshop-owning family in Lyme Regis, Dorset, whose family motto is "Keep Thy Faith", said: "Someone begging on the street is an unusual sight in Cirencester and it compelled me to help. When I first saw him I thought it was pretty pathetic that someone was so badly off and there was

"He seemed such a nice chap, young and intelligent, well-mannered, and grateful for the help. He did not treat me as if I was being patronising at all.
"I thought back to last year when I married Lord Apsley and moved to

Cirencester. People were so kind and welcoming to me and I do not see why everyone is not treated the same way." She said that she was still helping Mr · Lomansey look for permanent accommodation, which was proving difficult because of his dog. Lady Apsley lives

the £30 million, 3,500-acre Cirencester Park forestry estate, which Lord Apsley will one day inherit from his father, Earl Bathurst. The estate includes the Cirencester Park polo ground where the Prince of Wales, a close friend of Lord Apsley and Lord Bathurst, often plays. Mr Lomansey was hard at work on

with her husband in a mansion house in

the bypass yesterday. "I was very surprised that she even took the time to talk to me, let alone help. I thought she was a real lady, and it turned out she really was." he said. He had been living rough since he split with his girlfriend and moving to Cirencester to live with friends. His mother lives in Australia and he is estranged from his father.

Jane Hall, of the Cirencester Homeless Young Persons Project, said: "A lot of people would look down their noses and think: 'On your bike sunbeam.' I think it is marvellous that someone like Lady Apsley has stopped and shown that she cares."

# Somali boy, 14 jailed for rape of lost tourist

A SOMALI refugee yesterday became one of the youngest rapists to be jailed after being convicted of attacking a tourist when he was 12. Abdi Yusef, now 14, assaulted the 21-year-old woman after offering to help her when she became lost. Instead of taking her to a Tube station he

led her to a park and raped her.
At the Old Bailey yesterday, Yusef, who is 6ft 2in and lives in Willesden, northwest London, was sentenced to five years' imprisonment in a youth treatment centre. He already has a conviction for possessing a knife after another incident

involving a woman.

Judge Neil Denison, QC, Common Serjeant in the City of London, told Yusef that he would have been given a longer sentence if he had been older. His school record, although good academically, was one of disruption and intimidation of fellow pupils. He had been expelled from two schools. The judge said the boy's traumatic experiences during the Somali civil war might explain his behaviour, but

did not excuse it. During the trial the court was told that the victim had come to London last September to enquire about language courses and been in the city for only a day. She became lost and bumped into Yusef. He offered to help her, but took her in the opposite direction to the Tube station to a park near his home. She said he put his arm around her, but she could not take him seriously because he was only a boy. He then pushed her over, told her he

had a knife and assaulted her. He was

arrested at his home where his muddy

clothes were drying on a radiator. He said

he had been playing football. Ann Mallalieu, QC, for Yusef, said he had

found it hard to adjust after his experi-

ences in Mogadishu.

Clothes found in hunt for missing girl By KATHRYN KNIGHT HOPES of finding nine-year-old Zoe Evans alive were fading last night after

police found two pieces of bloodstained clothing. The pieces, one from a man and one from a girl, were found during a search of open land close to her home in Warminster, Wiltshire. Initial tests showed that the stains on each piece of clothing were from the same blood group. DNA tests were being conducted yesterday to see if the blood

group matched that of the missing girl. The results will not be available for several days.

On Wednesday police disclosed that there had been two sightings of the child with a shaven-headed young man on Saturday afternoon. She was last seen alive on Friday evening. Police had more than 150 calls from the public, some of them offering possible names for the man seen with the girl, including local men.

### Warning for **Carlton over** royal debate

By Alexandra Frean

CARLTON Television was accused yesterday of "losing control" of its controver-sial televised debate on the monarchy

In a rare comment on the merits of an

broadcast last week.

individual programme, Peter Rogers, chief executive of the Independent Television Commission, said that he thought that the debate, which was staged before a studio audience of 3,000, was "substantially flawed" and of "poor quality".

Although the programme, which attracted more than eight million viewers

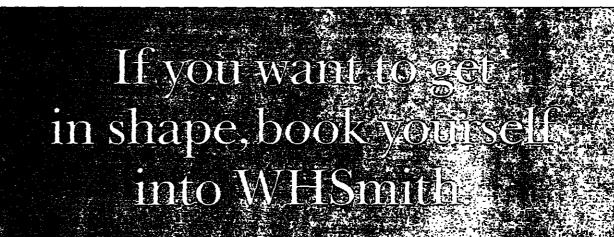
and 2.6 million telephone voters, had not broken any of the ITC's regulations, Mr Rogers warned Carlton that he would be "very disappointed" if it made other programmes using exactly the same format. Mr Rogers said that he did not want to

affairs programmes to be erudite and elitist. He nevertheless felt that Monarchy — The Nation Decides was not good television. There were too many panelists and the audience was too rowdy to allow proper debate, he said. "I don't mean that they lost control in the sense that there was a riot, but some of the debate was drowned out by cat-calling

stifle innovation or force all current

from the audience. Heckling can be witty but it went beyond that," Mr Rogers told the Broadcasting Press Guild. The Commission received 36 complaints about the programme, but is unlikely to uphold any. At least half were from viewers complaining that they could not get through on the programme's telephone voting lines. Many invited guests complained the they had been

unable to make themselves heard.







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# 'Jessica Christ' play upsets Catholics

By Ruth Gledhill, religion correspondent

A ROMAN Catholic college has upset the Catholic hierarchy by putting on a play with Christ portrayed as a woman and Mary Magdalene as a reot boy. The Right Rev John Brewer, Bishop of

Lancaster, condemned the "distortions of the facts" in the play, which depicts lesus as "Jessica" and Mary Magdalene as "Mario the rent boy" and is to be performed in his diocese next month. Bishop Brewer, an ultra-conservative who heads the Catholic bishops' theologi-

cal committee, said he regrets it is too late

to cancel the production. In a letter to the principal of the Cardinal Newman

College in Preston, Lancashire, the bishop wrote. There seems to be no

tion of the facts." He said it was no surprise members of the public had

already complained. In the play, which assumes the birth of "Jessica" Christ last Christmas and is set at around the time of "her" crucifixion 30 years later, Christ is betrayed by a woman, Jude, instead of Judas. Mary Magdalene, a follower of Christ out of whom He was said to have cast "seven

devils", has become "Mario the rent boy". The sixth-form college's student theatre group, Limelights, decided to put on the play as its tenth anniversary production. The work was created by staff and students and although it will be open to the public, most in the audience are likely to be college students. It will be per-formed just before the start of Lent and is artistic justification and certainly no ductrinal justification for such a distor-

modelled on the medieval mystery plays, which were themselves based on the

events of Holy Week and Easter. Kevin Quigley, principal of the college, said the fuss was "a storm in a teacup". He added: "It is a creative adaptation of the original mystery plays. The text in terms of what Christ says in His major speeches is more or less taken straight from Luke's and John's Gospels, but spoken by a female student." He said the decision to portray Christ as a woman was "incidental", adding: "That is not the

Mgr Kieran Conry, director of com-munications for the Catholic Church in England and Wales, said: "I just hope people know what they are in for when they go through the doors." WHatever you're into, get into 🔻

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# Chris Evans quits as BBC refuses a four-day week

THE Radio 1 presenter Chris Evans resigned yesterday when his demands for a four-

day week were refused. Evans, who is the station's most popular presenter and is credited with singlehandedly reviving its fortunes, will leave his breakfast show at the end of March. He quit his El million-a-year . contract . only hours before it was announced that he had failed in his hid to set up a London radio station as one of 25 candidates for a

new FM frequency.
The request by Evans 30.
for every Friday off was rejected by Radio 1's continuer.
Matthew Bannister whom
Evans nicknamed the Far Controller" on air. He is believed to have wanted the time off to concentrate on his weekly Channel 4 show TFI Friday, which is rumoured to be under consideration for screening five times a week.

In a statement, Mr Bannister said: "Chris asked to: renegotiate his contract with us to allow him to have every Friday off. This did not lit in with my plans for the schedule. He has therefore exercised his contractual right to give

"Chris will have been at Radio I for exactly two years. broadcaster who has made a MAKING WAVES ON THE RADIO

Evans has made outrageousness his stock-in-trade. His Radio I stunts include Quizzing an assistant about her sex-life in a live

Features called "I'm in bed with my boyfriend" and "On

the bog". Encouraging two female guests to strip.

Telling a joke about the concentration camp victim Anne

Provoking fury in Scotland on a visit by mocking Scotlish accents, accusing farmers of having sex with their sheep and jeering at a local radio presenter's low salary.

Offering £1,000 to any member of a Roadshow audience who could prove they had slept with one of his production

Threatening a ritle about oral sex.

Threatening to kee Anither Turner, the former Lottery presents in the richt and branding the producer of her All You Need is Love show a "scumbag".

Describing children's television presenter Andi Peters as "talentless" and the MP David Mellor as "a juke".

Calling on virgins to telephone the show if they planned to have sex over the next few weeks, and keep his team updated on their progress.

is an incredibly tough work-

load. He has been run-down

March 27 after serving his

notice, announced earlier this

week that he would not be

plaining that he was "too old". Last autumn he negotiated a

Evans, who will leave on

and very tired."

tremendous contribution to week and one hour of live TV the network.

His breakfast show is the most popular radio programme in the UK and also one of the most inventive. The replacement will be announced shortly."

Evans was unavailable for doing any more summer comment last night, but a roadshows — live broadcasts comment last night, but a source close to him said: "It from seaside resorts - comhas been obvious for some. He is an enormously talented time that to write, produce and present ten hours of radio a £7,000-a-week pay cut to

change the beginning of his show from 6.30am to 7am.

When he declared on TFI Friday that he was "mentally unstable" and medically unfit to be on the radio, Mr Bannister renegotiated his contract to double his holiday to 12 weeks. twice that enjoyed by other

Radio I presenters. Richard Branson, co-owner of Virgin Radio, announced that he had offered Evans a job after his resignation. Other lucrative offers from television and radio companies are forecast.

Despite his success, he has been heavily criticised for crude on-air jokes, insults directed at audience members and co-presenters, and bragging about his salary. BBC insiders were privately

gleeful that Mr Bannister had

finally stood up to the man who criticised him on air. although the station was said to be in turmoil at the prospect of trying to find a replacement for the man who reversed its ratings slide by putting on 600,000 extra listeners when he replaced Steve Wright in April 1995. A specialist alternative rock

music radio station, XFM, aimed at 15- to 34-year-olds was last night awarded the last remaining FM franchise for London on 104.9 MHz. It beat 24 consortia, including



Chris Evans: he quit when Radio I refused to renegotiate his contract

# Britain comes bottom of the class in international maths test

By DAVID CHARTER EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

BRITISH adults came bottom in an international numeracy league pub-lished yesterday, with only half the success rate of the Japanese and French. Only 20 per cent of Britons aged 16 to 60 could answer 12 sums designed to reflect the basic mathemat-

ics needed in everyday life.
Young Britons performed worst. with 16 per cent of 16 to 24-year-olds answering every question correctly, compared with 29 per cent of 45- to 55-

Japan topped the mimeracy table

den (34). Australia was second from bottom with 33 per cent.

About 20 per cent of Britons could answer only five questions correctly, in three had "very low numeracy but in The Netherlands only 4 per cent skills". performed so poorly. One in ten of the 660 Britons questioned could not multiply six by 21; more than one in three could not work out the area of the room; and more than one in four could not work out 10 per cent of 7,900.

The survey, of a total of 5,936 people, was conducted for the Basic Skills Agency, a charity that encourages adult education. Its publication was complet with research showing how with 43 per cent of respondents numeracy problems can damage em-answering every question correctly, ployment prospects as much as diffi-followed by Prance (40 per cent, culty with words. Academics at City

Holland (38), Denmark (36) and Swe- University in London, who are monitoring the lives of 1,700 people born in 1958 for the National Child Development Study, found that more than one

> At the age of 37, men in the survey with poor numeracy were more prone to unemployment. They were more likely to be in manual jobs and had a lower weekly wage. Women were more likely to be in part-time jobs and only one in four with poor numeracy held a full-time job.

> Alan Wells, director of the Basic Skills Agency, blamed low standards and expectations at school for adults numeracy and literacy problems. "We don't have to be bottom of the league; it is not our destiny. But to start climbing

the table we need to raise expectations and aspirations, stop accepting low standards and motivate people to want to learn and improve."

Gillian Shephard, the Education and Employment Secretary, promised to announce more initiatives later this month to tackle poor adult basic skills. "Poor standards of literacy and numeracy are unacceptable. If our growing economic success is to be maintained we must get the basics

right for everyone," she said. "Countries will keep investing here at record levels only if they see that the workforce is up to the job. The Government's battle to improve the . basics will continue."

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### THE QUESTIONS

The questions in the numeracy survey were:

1 Subtract 1.78 from 5

2 Take away 2.43 from 5 3 Add together 5.5, 7.25 and 3.75 4 What is the total of 4.25, 6 and 7.74?

5 Multiply 6 x 21

6 Multiply 16 x 21 7 What is the area of a room 11 metres x 18 metres? 8 How many apples does each person get if a box of 72 is shared by stx

9 What is 15 per cent of 700? 10 How many children are there in a crowd of 7,900 if the proportion is

11 What is 5/6 of 300? 12 How many books are not in a sale if a third are in the sale and the total number is 420?

ANSWERS: 1 3.22, 2 2.57, 3 16.50, 4 17.99, 5 126, 6 336, 7 198 sq m, 8 12, 9 105, 10 790, 11 250, 12 280

### **Fearless** woman gives clues to brain

By NIGEL HAWKES

A WOMAN who has lost her sense of fear has provided scientists with clues about how the brain functions.

The woman, who is 56,

suffered from epilepsy from the age of 28. To control the condition, doctors removed her amygdalas, almond-sized pieces of the brain found behind the ears, 18 years ago. The operation helped to control the symptoms, but had unexpected consequences. It left her with a greatly reduced sense of danger and an inabil-ity to recognise fear and anger in the faces or voices of others.

The woman, named only as D.R., has been studied by Dr Andy Calder, a psychologist with the Medical Research Council's Applied Psychology Unit in Cambridge. In Nature Dr Calder and colleagues from the unit and from the University of Wales in Cardiff and St James's University Hospital in Leeds describe the tests they carried out.

Her hearing was normal. and she could recognise faces. She could also recognise and describe the contents of sentences read to her, when asked to categorise them as happy. angry or sad. But she could not recognise fearful expressions, or the tone of voice in which the sentences were read. By removing her amygdalas the surgeons had taken away her ability to perceive emotion in others.

"It used to be thought that all our emotions were controlled by the same part of the brain," Dr Calder says. "But increasingly we are coming to think that different parts may control different emotions. This woman's case is a further piece of evidence."

Dr Calder said the woman's condition affected her every-day life. Her husband had once prevented her from plunging her hand into a pan of boiling water.

She had also lost interest in many television programme because they seemed pointless since she could not relate to plots which conveyed danger.

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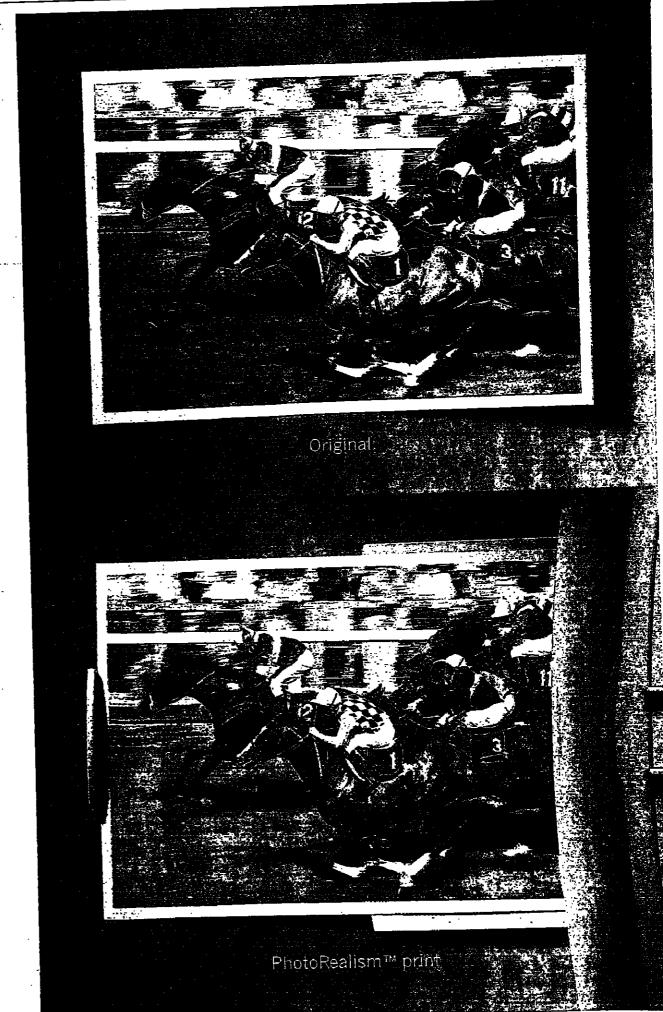
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# Awful month for Wimbledon 'netted **Segers £19,000'**

A STRING of disastrous defeats during a month when the Wimbledon goalkeeper Hans Segers conceded it goals brought him £19,000 from a Far Eastern betting syndicate, it was alleged at Winchester

Crown Court yesterday.

He banked the money in his "Gloves One" account in the Geneva branch of the Republic National Bank of New York after his team lost to Spurs, Arsenal Nottingham Forest. and Liverpool in succession in October, 1994, "It was a bad month for Wimbledon," said David Calvert-Smith, QC, for

The payment was part of £104.000 that Mr Segers is said to have banked during the 1993-94 season and the early part of the following season before The Sun printed match-fixing allegations.

Mr Calvert-Smith said the corruption involved 17 Premiership games and two Cup matches, of which Wimbledon won only five. He said that Mr Segers collected the cash in seven separate payments of up to £20,000 each.

Six days after the last match of the 1993-94 season, which Wimbledon lost 2-3 to Everton after being 2-1 up in a relegation battle. Mr Segers banked another £19,000. "The match

was crucial to Everton, as it allowed them to stay up," Mr Calvert-Smith said.

John Fashanu, then a Wimbledon striker, who is alleged to have acted as intermediary between the betting syndicate and the goalkeeper, was also paid £61,500 after losses at the start of that season.

Mr Fashanu, 33, now a presenter of the television show Gladiators. Bruce Grobbelaar, 39, Mr Segers, 34, and Heng Suan Lim. 30, a Malaysian businessman, ali deny conspiracy to give and accept corrupt payments.
Police investigating the

throwing of matches found that the first payment into Mr Segers's Swiss bank account was in October, 1993, 17 days after Wimbledon lost to Leeds 4-0. There followed defeats by Ipswich, 2-0, and Newcastle 4-0, after which, on November 9, he banked £14,000. At the time of the games, he was in frequent telephone contact with Fashanu and the Britishbased representative of the syndicate, Mr Lim.

Mr Fashanu and Mr Segers had both used the same branch of the Republic National Bank in London, and once paid in vast sums within three minutes of each other.

On Boxing Day 1993. Wim-

bledon won 2-1 against Coventry. They lost 3-0 to Arsenal on New Year's Day, then beat Scunthorpe 3-0 in the FA Cup, beat Sheffield Wednesday 2-1 and, four days later, on January 15, 1994, lost 2-1 against Sheffield Wednesday in the Coca-Cola Cup. Mr Segers banked Eli,000. Throughout the time the three men were in close tele-

phone contact, and Mr Lim

often rang the Far East, some-

times within minutes of the

final whistle. Sources in Ma-laysia, Singapore and Indone-

sia sent him £575,000 during

"We suggest the proximity of the telephone calls back-to-

back, close to matches, meant

what was going on was a constant discussion to shall

we go on that one or wait?"

After losing 2-0 to Chelsea in

March, losing 1-0 to Queens

Park Rangeres, beating Black-

burn Rovers 4-1 and beating Coventry 2-1, Mr Segers

banked a further £15,000 on

April 15. There followed the

Everton game, after which he

"Here are these multiplic-

itous telephone contacts about

which Segers has lied, and

here are these matches which

it so happened Wimbledon

banked £19,000 on May 13.

Mr Calvert-Smith said:

this time.

Segers: he conceded 11 goals in four games

lost. You can draw the inference that the telephone calls and football matches are linked," Mr Calvert-Smith

newspaper published allega-tions of match fixing.

After Mr Grobbelaar was confronted by journalists about throwing matches, there was an initial flurry of phone calls. But after that, the telephone calls ceased, as did the

payments.

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The defeats in October and the payment of £19,000 were followed by a final £20,000 after Wimbledon lost to Leeds 4-0 just days before The Sun

The trial continues on Monday.

### Eric Sykes berates new wave of comics

ARTS CORRESPONDENT

ERIC SYKES criticised the younger generation of comics yesterday, claiming they were over-confident and lacked the "vulnerability" of their older peers. He said: "These days they come on and insult audiences. That's not right. If you look at old comics, such as Tommy Cooper, the only people they were talking down were

Mr Sykes, 73, who wrote scripts for Cooper, The Goons and Frankie Howerd and who is perhaps best known for his TV series Sykes with Hattie Jacques. was speaking before he makes his West End debut next month in Molière's 1662 tarce The School for Wives.

"Today," he said, "they have labels like 'alternative comedy'. But comedy either makes you laugh or it doesn't. All the old comics were the same person when they came off stage. What's happening now is that they're putting on funny voices to play various parts. What they're doing is play-

He recalled how few com ics of his generation had "made it" before the age of 40: "They would spent 20 years getting there." Today

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A bewigged Eric Sykes at the Theatre Royal, Windsor, where he is performing in Molieère's The School for Wives. He said younger comics lacked depth

there was no depth to comics who become stars overnight once they had appeared on television. He said few had the material to last for a long run. When he asked one comic why he did not appear for a week, he was told that by the time he got to the end of the week, "everyone will know the jokes". Mr Sykes commented: "That's not good enough. There's a joker in every pub. The great comics rarely told jokes.

In returning to the stage as the inept servant Alain, Mr. Sykes is coming full-circle he began his career as a comic actor in repertories from

Oldham to Warminster. The School For Wives stars Peter Bowles as the middle-aged Arnolphe who, intending to marry his beautiful young ward, Agnes, keeps her away from the gaze and influence of other men.

Mr Sykes said that when Sir Peter had approached him with the idea, he had turned it down, feeling as unsuited to playing Molière as he was to Shakespeare. 'I'd love to do Hamlet. I've got the legs for him, but that's about all," he said, "My first reaction was to say no. I didn't know his work."--But Sir Peter had argued

that Molière wrote the servant's part for the vandevil-lians of his day: "He said to me. You're one of the vaudevillians today.' He talked me into it.'

Mr Sykes had reservations about whether Molière was even funny: "I don't want chuckles. I want belly laughs. Otherwise, I think I've failed. I said that no stand-up comic know ever got big laughs from standing at the front and doing rhyme. It looks too studied."

The production, currently at the Theatre Royal, Windsor, opens on February 4 at the Piccadilly Theatre.

### Shoppers warm to freezer bargains

to disrupt fresh vegetable suppliers, forcing prices up, but frozen vegetables remain

Frozen cauliflower florets are 98p per kg compared with £3.63 fresh, and frozen Brussels sprouts are 82p per kg compared with £1.30. Frozen cut leeks at £1.09 per kg are-87p cheaper than fresh. Arinounced promotions include: Asda: six fresh chicken breast fillets £5.99 for 879g, ground Danish rindless back bacon beef £1.59 for 372g, red/green

99p for 1.25kg. Budgens: smoked cod £2.99 lb, fresh chicken thighs £2.99 for 1.2kg, medium eggs 89p for

12, crumpets six for 29p.

Co-op (CWS): frozen deepdish steak and mushroom pie
454g £1.26, Crosse and Blackwell one-pan mealmakers buy one get one free, frozen mixed peppers 44p for 454g. Iceland: Bernard Matthews

lamb roast £2.99 for 567g, lowfat breaded cod fillets £2.49 for 575g, cauliflower florets 89p for 907g, Heinz weight watch-

THE chill weather continues er blackcurrant cheesecake 99p for two. Marks and Spencer, beef mince £1.99 for 516g, light cottage cheese £1.17 for 454g four 150g low-fat bio toffee

yoghurts 89p. Morrisons: fresh British leg of pork £1.19 per lb, cod fillet £1.89 per lb. oysters 39p cach. fresh cauliflower cheese 70p for 300g.

Safeway: park pies 99p for four, corned beef 89p for 113g, unsmoked El.29 for 250g, Irish Sainsbury's: fresh beef steaks £3.31 kg, two cod and chips £1.49, tomatoes 44p for 12. Italian half-fat mozzarella 69p

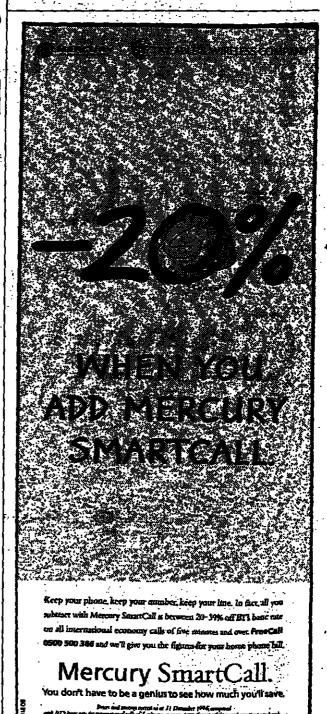
for 125g.

Somerfield: braising steak
£1.21 per lb. cod fillet £1.31 per lb. packed celery sticks 69p. dual yoghurts 25p for 175g. Waitrose: diced pork £1.99 for 312g, red seedless grapes £1.49 per lh. Australian honey £1.37 for 454g, diet cottage cheese 89p for 340g.

LERISSE SMITH









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# Transplants of pig organs may never be given approval

HUMAN transplants using pig organs should not go ahead in Britain until further studies have been made of the risks involved, the chairman of a government inquiry into the proneering technique said yesterday. The studies could show that such operations

Ethics of Xenotransplantation. said that there should be no human experiments before the risks of organ failure and the danger to the wider public from any transmission of animal viruses had been researched. The report of the inquiry, published yesterday, sounds repeated warnings about the inadequate state of current understanding of transplants using animal

Members of the advisory group believe it will be at least 18 months before researchers have enough information about how a pig's organ will function in a human body. and even longer before they understand the threat posed by pig viruses. Scientists would then have to apply to the new Xenotransplantation Interim Regulatory Authority. announced yesterday by the Government to monitor the . "The current demand for tisresearch pending legislation, sue cannot be met by transfor permission to conduct the plants from human to human.

first transplants to humans. But we take the view very Archbishop of York and a pharmocologist.

Launching the report yesterday, Professor Kennedy, head of medical law and ethics at King's College London, said: The authority will decide when if ever, research on should never take place. The authority will decide lan Kennedy, chairman of when, if ever, research on the Advisory Group on the humans should be carried out it doesn't follow that someone will conduct human trials. Maybe when they have done the research they will discover it is not ethically acceptable because the risk is too great." He said it would be ethical

to proceed with xenotransplantation only if the risks to patients and the population were reduced to tolerable margins", the pigs were properly looked after and the cost of the research in terms of its impact on other medical or surgical treatments was

International co-operation over the research would be needed because viruses do not carry passports", he said. However, he admitted there was nothing to stop a company conducting human experiments in a foreign country where controls were more lax. Professor Kennedy said:

The authority is to be chaired strongly that progress in this by Lord Habgood, former area must be maintained and if-possible enhanced. Xenotransplantation must not be allowed to dominate the scene." He added that research on genetic therapies and artificial organs should be "encouraged and pursued". Accepting the advisory

group's recommendations, which are subject to three months consultation, Stephen Dorrell, the Health Secretary. said: "It is essential that the risks associated with xenotransplantation are better understood before the technique is used on human patients. The Interim Regulatory Authority will ensure that these questions are addressed." Imutran, the Cambridge-

based company that has pio-neered the research in Britain, yesterday issued a thinly veiled threat that it would take its work abroad if restrictions here were too severe. Christopher Samler, chief executive. said: "There will come a point in the not-too-distant future when we can say we can learn nothing more, and we are satisfied that we can now proceed to clinical trials. While we hope we will continue in this country there are always options to approach it on a global basis." Herb Sewell, Professor of

Immunology at Queen's Medical Centre, Nottingham, and a member of the committee. said there were forms of rejection that had not been overcome, there was insuffiient understanding of how a "foreign" organ would re-spond to hormonal signals in a human body, and there were the risks of passing on animal viruses. "Suppose research finds horrendous rejection problems. That for me would mean we say no [to human trials]. Suppose research shows retroviruses from pigs can be transmitted to human tissnes in the lab. Without wishing to create a doomsday scenario, there is a possibility that not only could this lead to particular infections in the patient but the patient may



Stoneleigh Abbey, visited by Austen in 1806, is thought to be the model for Sotherton in Mansfield Park

# £7m lottery grant saves stately home that caught Austen's unsparing eye

By MARCUS BINNEY

avenues, dark rookeries and

26 bedchambers in the new

part of the house and a great

many (some very good ones)

Her description of Sother-ton in Mansfield Park, "with

its old-fashioned rooms, am-

ply furnished in the taste of 50

years back," its walled gar-

dens and chapel with a profu-

sion of mahogany and

crimson cushions disappear-

ing over the ledge of the

family gallery above", almost

certainly recalls her stay at

Stoneleigh eight years earlier.

of the entrepreneur Kit Mar-

tin, who has rescued nine

homes in England and Scot-

land by converting them into

houses while maintaining

Mr Martin said: "I have

long been looking for a house

where I could show that

residential conversion could

go hand in hand with public

access. The cost of endowing

an entire house and estate of

this size for the National

Trust, or any other trust, is

now so great that alternative

The main staterooms and

solutions must be found."

their character.

The plan is the brainchild

in the old".

ONE of England's finest stately homes, held to be the model for Sotherton in Jane Austen's Mansfield Park, has been saved by a £7.37 million Heritage Lottery Fund grant.

Stoneleigh Abbey in War-wickshire has been closed to the public for the past eight years as debts forced its trustees to sell furniture and halt even basic maintenance. Creditors included the Inland Revenue and Lloyds Bank

Pieces of stone cornice have crashed to the ground and Baroque carving has crumbled away as roofs have failed and dry rot has taken hold. The roof of the vast Regency stable block has

Founded in the 12th century, the abbey was acquired after the Reformation by a Lord Mayor of London, Sir Thomas Leigh, whose de-scendants held the estate until it was vested in a charitable trust in 1980.

Jane Austen went to stay in 1806 with the Rey Thomas Leigh who, in the manner of one of her novels, had unexpectedly inherited the house



Austen: described "long avenues, dark rookeries"

263 hectares of park and woodland will be vested in a reformed Stoneleigh Abbey Preservation Trust, with new trustees, and opened to the public. Mr Martin will create nearly 30 houses in other parts of the house and nearby estate buildings.

Mr Martin said that virtually no alterations would be needed on buildings around the former abbey cloister. while other houses and cottages would be created in a service court and farm court-

yard "I expect the houses to range in price from £70,000 for a two-bedroom cottage to £500,000 for the largest fivebedroom house." In addition, some 15 new houses will be built out of sight, in place of derelict modern farm sheds. Contents saved with the help of lottery funds include a collection of 82 oil paintings and sets of Baroque chairs. Most of the staterooms can be restored to the way they were

when Country Life photo-graphed the house in 1897. Tony Bird, a local businessman who is chairman of the new trust said: "Over the next three years a major restoration of park and gardens will be carried out. We hope to open the park shortly and the house in two years time."

Funds for the restoration have also come from English Heritage and the European Regional Development

☐ The go-ahead was given yesterday for construction work to begin on the Lowry Centre at Salford, a £127 million centre to incorporate visual and performing arts, which will be the North West's landmark millennium

# NEWS WESTER

### Rifle team captain hid old bullets

A former captain of the Scottish rifle team who hid nearly 4,000 bullets and cartridges under his floorboards has been fined £300 at Stirling Sheriff Court after admitting offences under the Firearms Act. John Glen, 71, of Brig O'Turk, Stirling, found the ammunition left over from the Home Guard when he was clearing his late father's home. He was ordered to forfeit a gun not covered by his shotgun licence, and ammunition.

### Farmer cleared

A farmer accused of running down a councillor after a planning dispute has been cleared of causing grievous bodily harm. David Morris's car hit Anthony Taylor, breaking his pelvis, but he told Worcester Crown Court that it was a "ghastly accident".

### Lorry kills boy

A five-year-old boy was crushed to death under the wheels of a dustbin lorry in front of his mother and brother. Robert Norris had stepped into the path of the vehicle in Newbury. He was pro-nounced dead at the Royal Berkshire Hospital.

### Escaped bull shot

Armed police shot and killed a bull after it escaped from a cattle market and scattered shoppers in the centre of Banbury, Oxfordshire. Lorry drivers used their vehicles to help to trap the animal at a service station. It was killed with a single shot.

### Wedding chest

Records of 140 years of marriages in Gretna Green have been bought for £13,000 by the Institute of Heraldic and Genealogical Studies. They were in a chest also containing letters to the Lang family. which oversaw marriages in the town from 1800 to 1939.

### Lost porpoise

A porpoise has been seen in a stream near Barnby Dun, a South Yorkshire village 60 miles from the sea. The porpoise, identified by members of Thorpe Marsh nature reserve, probably took a wrong turn into the River Don from the Humber estuary.

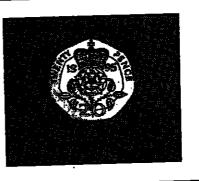


Imutran's researchers have been breeding pigs with organs that are not rejected at transplant

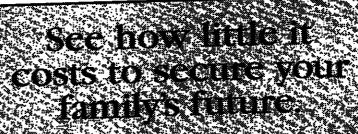
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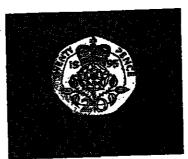
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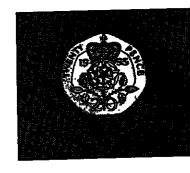
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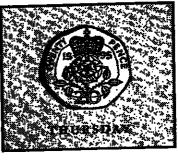
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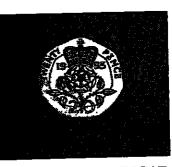
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# Labour VAT claim provokes fierce campaign skirmish

By JILL SHERMAN AND ALICE THOMSON

Blair of a "crude smear campaign" vesterday after Labour launched a poster campaign which said that the Tories planned to put VAT on food, increasing household bills by 510,50 a week.

Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, ruled out imposing VAT on food under a fifth Tory Minister condemned the poster compaign as "untruthful and scaremongering".

The Tories' counter-attack came in the Commons after Labour had begun its first negative campaign of the pre-election battle, devoting its fatest advertising to criticising the Tories rather than presenting its policies, as the party had promised.

Labour's poster campaign was supported by a party political broadcast last night leaturing a mother struggling to keep her family together. under a Tory government as

burgled. Under the slogan Next

time the Tories would stop at nothing". Labour claims that keeping the Tories in power would mean fewer good schools, no NHS when you need it. VAT on food and more criminals getting off?. Labour justified its cam-

paign by insisting that it had based its posters on comments made by the Chancellor in his 1993 Budget speech, Mr. Clarke said then: "One of my options must be to extend the VAT base. The main candidates are food, children's clothes, transport, sewerage and newspapers. A powerful ease for each of them can be made and no amount of lobbying need put us off."

But yesterday the Chancelfor insisted that he had no such plans and had never even contemplated extending VAT to food. He told BBC Radio 4's Today programme: "I have been four years as Chancellor.

JOHN MAJOR accused Tony and her neighbours were It has never crossed my mind to put VAT on food and it hasn't crossed my mind now. I have never contemplated VAT on food. I am not contemplating VAT on food now."

Pressed on whether he could rule out VAT on food in the next Parliament Mr Clarke said: "Yes." Later he udded: "I don't expect to live to see the day when any government. starting from where we are now puts VAT on food." Treasury sources said that Mr Clarke had merely been

teasing MPs in his 1993 Budget speech and had gone on to say that he had no intention of extending VAT to these areas. But Robin Cook, the Shadow Foreign Secretary, dis-

missed Mr Clarke's statement. The Chancellor's main problem is that the Prime Minister told us at the last election that he had no need and no plans to extend VAT on to gas and electricity and within months he had slapped it on domestic fuel." Mr Cook said. "The



lesson of this Parliament is that you cannot trust Tory promises on tax given before

polling day." Accusations over tax dominated Prime Minister's Quesrions with Tony Blair accusing Mr Major of imposing 22 Tory tax rises since the last election and other backbenchers keeping up the attack on VAT Labour's co-ordinated attack and said that Mr Blair's own tax plans "gobbledegook".

accept that before the last general election you gave a caregorical pledge not to extend VAT and that after the election, in the first Budget, you did indeed extend VAT?" Mr Major replied: "You are and untruthful campaign that was launched this morning a campaign that you know is simply scaremongering and a campaign that will not persuade the British people."

Yet less than an hour earlier Brian Mawhinney, the Tory party chairman, had launched a new Tory poster campaign featuring Mr Blair's face and

cost you 123 a week." Dr Mawhinney said he had arrived at this figure by costing Labour's spending pledges according to Treasury rules.
"Mr Blair could cost the average family £23 a week more tax to pay for Labour's

# £30 billion spending spree."

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# Grubby conflict debases politics and breeds dishonesty

RIDDELL ON POLITICS

claim that the latest Labour poster campaign — The next Tory tax? E10.50 a week on food - is crude scaremongering, but they partly have themselves to blame. The Tories denials before the last general election of having any intention of widening the scope of VAT before it was extended to domestic fuel in the 1993

Budget gave Labour the open-

ing for their attacks. The

he Tories are right to political debate and prevent a options which any government should consider

Labour has no evidence whatsover for claiming that the Tories would put VAT on food. Their poster implies that it is almost a Tory election pledge. At least when the Liberals campaigned on food taxes in the 1906 election, they had a legitimate target in the tariff reformers' call for Imperial Preference. This time. result has been to debase the there is no such justification.

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serious discussion of the tax

The quotations produced by Labour certainly substantiate their charges about the Torics statements and tax record in 1992-94, but they say nothing about food. The current Treasury team has never ruled out extending the scope of VAT. but as Mr Clarke argued yesterday. it "has never crossed my mind to put VAT

The new Labour poster was

reinforced by last night's party political broadcast featuring a fictional family worrying about how they will cope under the Tories. But this rests on unsubstantiated insinuations, and like the poster, it plays on voters' fears in a dishonest way. It is akin to Labour's demeaning use of the word "lying" about the Government. But the Tory performance has also been

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murky. It was a bit rich for Mr Clarke to complain on the Today programme about "rather tawdry PR men given the influence of such men, ennobled and knighted, on Tory campaigning and its Labour's £30 billion spending

All this mudslinging has a real cost. Ministers and their shadows are forced by the competitive pressures of campaigning to deny that they would raise this or that tax.

This makes them appear deceptive when they are forced later circumstances into taking such measures, as happened to the Tories when faced by the big rise in public borrowing in 1992-93. The honest course is to keep options on specific tax rates open for as long as possible given the uncertainties about the fiscal outlook, as was

There is a good case for extending the VAT base to currently zero-rated items. This is the private view of many ministers and senior officials. Even if set at a minimum rate of 5 per cent, it would make the revenue more buoyant, counter the recent growth of VAT avoidance schemes and permit other changes in, for example, the tax and benefit system to cut direct taxes for the lower paid and help people back into

In retrospect, Geoffrey Howe should have considered

BRITAIN'S biggest mass cir-

culation tabloid newspaper was unveiled yesterday by Sir

James Goldsmith, founder of

mer Editor of the News of the

the Referendum Party. The eight-page News, edited by Bernard Shrimsley, a for-

June 1979 rather than nearly doubling the rate. But any hint of such an extension produces an outcry from opposition parties and from interested bodies. Even at the peak of Thatcherism in the mid-1980s, Nigel Lawson was dissuaded from doing so. What happened over the extension of VAT to domestic traditionally the practice. fuel (when the second stage of the increase was defeated in

the Commons) has deterred any similar proposals. But even if such a broadening of the VAT base is rejected because of its impact on the poor, it deserves to be discussed openly, not presented just in terms of "shock-horror" allegations. Any government will have to consider unpopular cuts in core spending programmes and tax increases. Ruling out options ahead of the election is the real dishonesty.

PETER RIDDELL

Goldsmith tries tabloid tactic

two weeks. The banner front-

They lied through their teeth." Sir Edward Heath,

who negotiated Britain's entry

into the Common Market, is

ambitious advertising initia-

The newspaper is the most

singled out for criticism.

headline proclaims:

down in protest at guns Bill By JAMES LANDALE

Peers back

PRO-SHOOTING peers backed down last night from an attempt to delay the Government's ban on almost all handguns.

The Tory peer Lord Swansea withdrew a proposal to send part of the Firearms (Ammendment) Bill to a spe cial select committee in the House of Lords for greater consideration. The move would have delayed the progress of the Bill by about four weeks and could have prevented it becoming law by the general election.

Many peers oppose the Bill, which faced a flood of amendments last night as it came up for its detailed consideration. But the Tory "backwoodsmen" who packed the House to defend their shooting heritage want only to amend the Bill. They fear that scrapping it would break Lords conventions and incur the wrath of

MPs and many voters.

Lord McIntosh of Haringey, deputy Labour leader in the Lords, also threatened to step up his party's campaign against hereditary peers if the Bill were delayed.

The measure provides for a ban on ali handguns above .22 calibre. The motion by Lord Swansea, a former chairman of the British Shooting Sports Council, concerned the Bill's second main aim of imposing stringent new security regulations on shooting clubs, where the exempted weapons would have to be kept.

The shooting lobby believes that the regulations would be extremely expensive and would force thousands of clubs out of business. Lord Swansea said that dismantling hand guns, with some parts stored at clubs, would be safer and cheaper.

Lord Swansea insisted that he did not wish to delay the Bill but said that it should be considered at greater length: But some peers warned that any delay would breach the "Salisbury Convention" by which the Lords does not overturn any government leg-islation in a Queen's Speech. As the Bill began its full committee stage, a Labour motion extending the ban to all handguns was defeated easily by 215 votes to 81.

ning to field 600 candidates at

the general election. But the

launch was marred when the

newspaper was seen to con-

tain an extract from a book by

Dr Richard North, who is a

candidate for the rival UK

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### tive so far by Sir James, who has spent millions of pounds World, will be distributed free to 24 million homes in the next on his party, which is plan-New royal yacht may be privately funded By VALERIE ELLIOTT WHITEHALL EDITOR

TREASURY officials are trying to raise money to fund a replacement for the royal yacht Britannia under the

private finance initiative. Senior ministers are keen to see a replacement for the yacht, but have vetoed total government funding at a time when departments are facing right financial constraints.

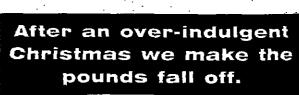
By using private finance the Government would be able to defer the costs, estimated between £50 million and £80 million. They would expect the new ship to pay for itself by promoting British exports

abmad. The private finance option was disclosed last night after a withering attack on the Government by an all-party group of MPs and peers, including a former Tory Defence Minister. Lord Strathcona. He named Kenneth Clarke as the stumbling block. "Let us not be shy," he said. "Rumour has it that the Chancellor is dead against it. That is nonsensical He has to be better educated. I view the position of the Treasury as beyond common

"My message to the Chan-cellor is the benefits of the roval yacht far outweigh the costs and fully justify its expenditure. The Treasury obviously can't do its sums."

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# British and Russian archaeologists explore site long concealed behind Iron Curtain

# Forgotten city yields treasures of Ancient Greek colonists

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BRITISH scholars are working alongside Russian archaeologists in a dig which has unearthed Ancient Greek jewellery studded with emer-alds and rubies, a marble head of Aphrodite and thousands of gold coins from an Ancient Greek colony near the

The finds were made at the port city of Phanagoria, a community founded around 542 BC and spanning 185 acres. Phanagoria, on the modern-day Taman peninsula in the Russian Federation. was the second largest city of the Bosporan kingdom.

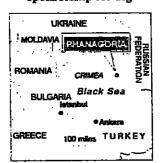
Archaeologists estimate that they have so far excavated just I per cent of the area. As about a quarter of the city is today under water, after a rise in the levels of the Black Sea over the centuries, the project will in-

team, Gocha Tsetskhladze, a Georgian-born scholar who lectures at Royal Holloway College, part of London University, said that, uniquely in the region, the site had surwithout being built over. The remnants of temples, houses and bronze workshops in which the Greeks cast life-size statues have been

Political change in eastern Europe, he said, had opened up sites from which Western scholars were previously excluded. Archaeologists from



Tsetskhladze: seeking sponsorship for dig





The British team at Phanagoria; only I per cent of the site has been excavated

changed in the export to

Athens of grain and other

Excavated antiquities are

being shared between a local

museum and Moscow. Dr

goria refer to an important temple dedicated to the god-Royal Holloway and King's College are working with Russian colleagues from the Institute of Archaeology at the

found 1,500 pieces of coins, both local and Greco-Dr Tsetskhladze, who is appealing to sponsors for some £20,000 a year to contin Black Sea has remained an

area of myth, not just for the Ancient Greeks but for modto the West. Our knowledge of Black Sea and the life lived by the Greeks there, far away from their homeland, is very

Much of what is known about Phanagoria, which thrived until the 12th century AD, has been based on early references to it: the Greek in the 1st century AD, is among those who referred to it

The Aegean Greeks' image of the Black Sea was of distant, dangerous shores with hostile said: 'The Ancient Greeks shrouded these far-off lands in myth. It was here that the Argonauts journeyed i search of the Golden Fleece." Gold jewellery, found in the

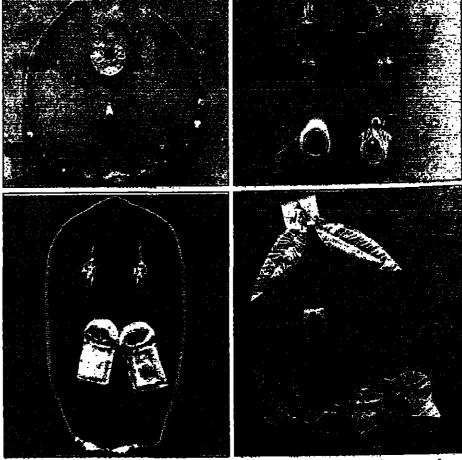
necropolis, includes exauisite necklaces and earrings. Some are in gold alone; others, according to Dr Tsetskhladze are decorated with "practically any stone you can think of. A thousand graves which have been unearthed are full of iewels and pottery. They date from the 6th century BC to the 4th century AD. Skeletons of an "elite upper class" are to be analysed for evidence of their diet and health.

The geography and geology departments of Royal Holloway are also involved, studying ancient farming practices. Finding the head of Aphrodite has special significance as inscriptions found at Phana-

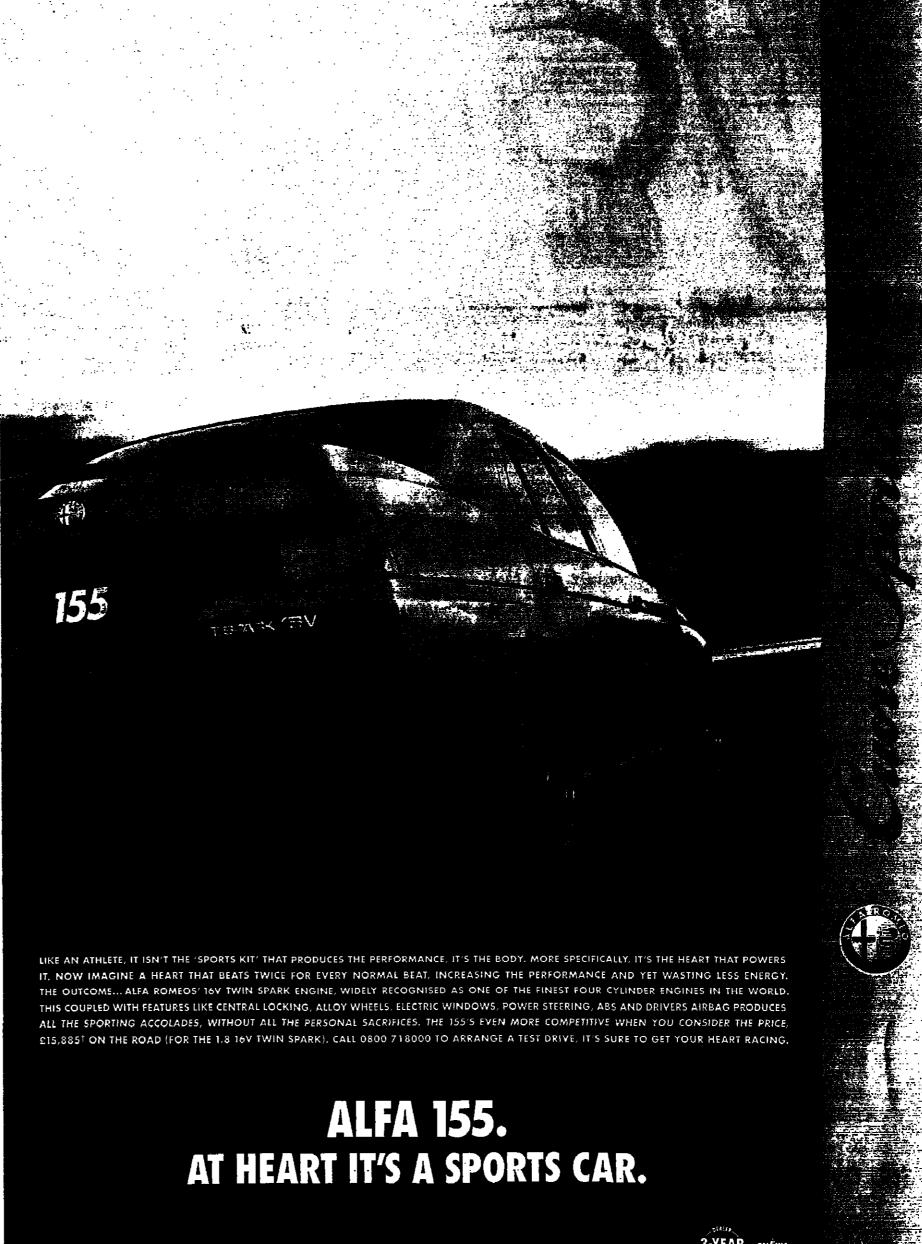
relationship with mainland Greece, especially Athens. The study of the economic history of Phanagoria thus has the potential to offer insights into that of the wider Greek world.

tant feature of Greek history, with its people establishing themselves in the lands stretching from the Iberian peninsula in the west and Africa in the south to the Black Sea in the northeast. Dr Tsetskhladze said: "In this colonial world. Greek and local cultures met, shaped and enriched each other, resulting in the foundation of modern European culture.

Phanagoria long competed for supremacy with Panti-capaeum, the first capital of the Greco-Barbarian Bospo-ran kingdom: The consequences of this struggle have never been investigated in the



Jewellery uncovered in the necropolis, including necklaces and earrings, reveals exquisite workmanship; much is in gold and decorated with precious stones



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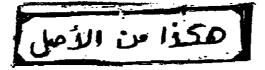
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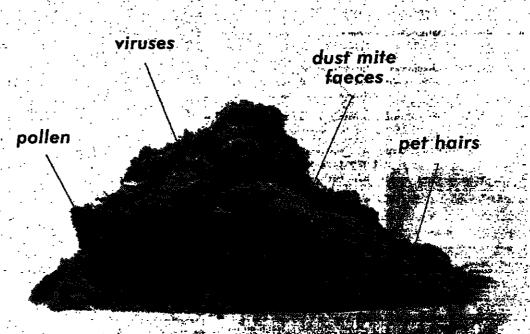
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# US asks Vietnam for return of its mislaid plutonium

nuclear engineers volunteered for a perilous mission to the recover a canister of plutonium, a key ingredient for making nuclear weapons.

Working feverishly for sevtled a nuclear research reactor. Then, leaving in a hurry. they scooped up 26ib of urani-um and what they thought was the plutonium before being lifted out by helicopter hours before Dalat fell in 1975.

Their derring do was disclosed only yesterday by the American Government, but with the startling admission that the two engineers, in their scramble to escape inadver-tently seized the wrong canister. Instead of three ounces of olutonium, one hundredth of the amount needed for a bomb, they took a container of harmless polonium Now America is asking the Communist Government of Viet-

nam for its plutonium back. The nuclear gaffe was dis-closed under a Clinton administration policy of openness. secret, from the Cold War era of nuclear testing were released at the same time.

The films show unprotected. American troops cowering in slit trenches about six miles from the centre of nuclear explosions and marching towards the site of a blast soon after it happened. The soldiers were used to determine if they could still function and with

IN the final days of the stand the psychological stress were both commended for Vietnam War, two American of a nuclear battlefield in the bravery. Mr. Hendrickson early 1950s when a Soviet nuclear attack on America said yesterday it was he who besieged city of Dalat to was regarded as a distinct possibility.

It has been reported previnuclear clean-up work, he had no experience in covert opera-

granhed the wrong canister.
Now 62 and still doing

tions before being smuggled into Dalat, 180 miles north of

Saigon. The pair were told

they would be on their own if

The small reactor was given

to South Vietnam in 1959 by

President Eisenhower under

an "Atoms for Peace" pro-

gramme. As to the plutoni-

um's whereabouts now, Mrs

O'Leary said: "The discussion

with respect to where it finally resides is not yet developed."

In other words, the Ameri-

cans do not know. The State

Department said Hanoi had

been "responsive" to its inqui-

ries. But some in Washington

fear that the plutonium, small

amount though it was, could

have been sold to North Korea

they were overrun.

ously that as many as 250,000 eral days under super and exposed to radiation in Neva-mortar fire, the pair dismanda and the Pacific without da and the Pacific without being told they were at risk. About 18,000 disability claims were filed with the Pentagon, but only 450 applicants have

One spectacular film shows a nuclear missile blowing up in a huge ball of fire on the launch pad on Johnston Is-land in the Marshall Islands group. Scientists fled and there were no casualties.

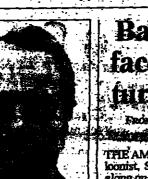
In making the disclosures, Hazel O'Leary, the US Energy Secretary, said that 13 more underground nuclear explosions than previously acknowledged pumped radiation into the atmosphere though with no measurable contamination away from the test site. She also described 155 weaknesses at uranium storage sites that could result in the exposure of workers or the public to radiation. The conditions causing concern were at 13 sites in nine states. In many of the cases, corrective actions are under way.

- Senior Energy Department officials learnt only recently that the plutonium in Dalat never left Vietnam. A low-level report on the failure never reached them. Wally Hendrickson and John Horan, the two engineers,



Relations of the victims of the 1995 Kobe earthquake in southern Japan light candles in a park at Itami, near Kobe, in memory of their loved ones. In all, 6,425 candles were lit yesterday - one for each victim - on the eve of the second anniversary of the disaster

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### Clinton to honour old rival

Washington: President Clinton, in a conscious effort to remain above the increasingly partisan fray of Washing-ton, is today to award America's highest civilian honour to Bob Dole, 73, his vanquished Republican election challenger (Tom Rhodes

Less than three months after defeating Mr Dole, the President will present him with the Presidential Medal of Freedom at a White House ceremony to unveil the design for a new Second World War

The gesture of respect for his defeated rival appeared to be part of a deliberate attempt by Mr Clinton during his pre inauguration week to distance himself from the partisan bickering in Congress over ethics and

eavesdropping. Questioned about the battle between Democrats and Republicans over ethics charges against Newt Gingrich, the House Speaker, Mr Clinton, who still faces myriad scandals, portrayed himself as tired of political

combat. I want it to be over," he said. "You know the American people have given us larger responsibilities."

last night attempting to ex-

plain how an invitation to

attend President Clinton's in-

auguration had been sent.

apparently without the know-ledge of the White House, to

Aleksandr Lebed, the Russian

presidential hopeful and out-

spoken critic of the ailing

General Lebed. 46, who was

dismissed last autumn as Mr

Yeltsin's national security ad-

viser and has since made no

secret of his desire to take over

as head of state, announced on

Tuesday during a visit to Germany that he had accepted

an invitation to attend the ceremony on Monday. Last

President Yeltsin.

Lebed capitalises on

American invitation

FROM ROBIN LODGE IN MOSCOW

AMERICAN officials were night the White House said it.

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THE AMERICAN hot air balalong on his trans global jour-day yesterday, passing the Azorès and heading for Gibraltar. His main worry was not the weather, but that less predictable, gusty element, Colonel Muammar Gaddafi.

the Libyan leader. Mr. Fossett's Solo Spirit balloon may pass over Libyan territory today, and he is attempting to make sure that he will not be peppered by the colonel's MiGs. "We're still trying to get permission to fly over Libya," said a member of the Solo Spirit mission control.

in Chicago yesterday. The Fossett team's diplomatic overtures were being helped by Richard Branson, the British businessman

Those working on the prob-lem are painfully aware that in 1995 two American balloonists were killed when they were shot down by the Belarus Air Force after they entered air

millionaire commodities dealer from Colorado, was said to be in "great spirits" after another night in his cramped capsule. He had managed about four hours of sleep.

mark before flying over Russia. The change was made because the Russians had not granted permission.

had not invited him but wel-

comed his presence as part of

a further move towards a

democratic Russia. Invitations

to the event are controlled by

the inaugural committee and

The general's amounce

ment was clearly aimed at

giving the electorate the im-

leading Russian politician had

received recognition in Washington. It also highlighted his

energetic image in contrast to the bedridden Mr Yeltsin, who

has spent the past two weeks back in hospital.

New sobriety, page 18

ression that his status as a

by Congress.

### **Balloonist** faces Libya

whose own attempt to circumnavigate the globe in a balloon ended in the sands of North Africa last week. Mr Branson. who had permission to fly over Libya, wrote to Colonel Gaddafi in the hope that the courtesy might be extended to the American balloonist.

space without permission.

Mr Fossett, a laconic multi-

Mr Possett has departed from his original itinerary, which was to have taken Solo Spirit over the northern coast of Portugal, then up to Den-

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# Brussels lines up against Britain on multispeed Union

THE European Commission yesterday added its weight to a drive led by France and Germany for a future multispeed Union in which groups of countries could pursue deeper integration even if other states objected.

Staking out its position on a more flexible European core of treaty negotiations among governments, the Brussels executive opposed Britain's demand that all member states must consent to joint actions by groups which want to pool their policies in new areas. Britain backs the multispeed approach, but insists on unanimous approval for each case.

The accord of a majority should be enough, Jacques Santer, President of the Conmission, told colleagues. The Commission says flexibility, seen by Britain as a mechanism for opting out of a more federal Europe, should be only a last resort. Among strict conditions, it must not touch existing common policies such as the single market, competition rules, agriculture, transport and fisheries.

The Commission backed the emerging consensus among member states that multitrack schemes could be applied to foreign policy, defence, the control of frontiers and police work, as well as to the few areas of economic policy that are not already subject to majority voting rather than unanimity. Steps towards further harmonisation of VAT and certain other tax policies, a longstanding goal of the Union, could be taken in this field, Commission officials said. Mr Santer called last month for moves towards more convergence in taxes inside the future monetary union and the Commission is to flesh out its ideas next month. However, the French and German Governments, as well as the Commission, dismissed as untrue press reports that there were Franco-German plans to pool control over income and other taxes.

The question of retaining veto rights over so-called "reinforced convergence" among



Santer: majority rules

clubs of member states is turning into the main sticking point between Britain and its partners in the attempt to revamp the Maastricht treaty to prepare the EU for enlargement to the countries of the former Communist bloc. John Major this week proclaimed flexibility to be the solution to Britain's arguments over deeper integration and called "the only way the EU is going to be able to develop".

The Government, as well as its EU partners, now hopes it can narrow down a compromise on a formula for a multispeed system to clear the way for a revamped Maastricht treaty. This is to be produced at a summit in

### Warsaw sets money date

POLAND should be ready to exchange the zloty for the euro by 2006, according to a report by Grzegorz Kolodko, the Finance Minister (Roger Boyes writes).

Poland's public deficit has been well under the 3 per cent ceiling for entry. set by the Maastricht treaty, since 1993. Public debt has been under the Maastricht target of 60 per cent since 1995 and is likely to fall further to 49.7 per cent in the coming year. Annual inflation. however. is about 18 per cent. Negotiations with the EU are scheduled to start this summer.

Amsterdam in June. Further problems could arise, however, if a Labour government takes office, because Tony Blair said this week that he had serious doubts about a flexibility clause because it could promote an inner core, led by France and Germany. that would leave Britain on the

Senior British officials said resterday that the main scope for multispeed arrangements stemmed from frontier and police co-operation and foreign policy, but a majority of member states retained misgivings over the plans to allow groups of countries to use the community institutions that administer the economic area. A flexible system already

operates in practice with the continental Schengen scheme for open frontiers, Britain's opt-out from the Social Chapter and Britain and Denmark's right to stay out of monetary union if they wish. Compromise between Britain and its partners appeared most likely in the field of immigration and police work, the officials said. Most other states back plans for centralising border control and Britain would simply seek to opt out of the arrangement.

The Commission has long been reluctant to concede the need for formalising flexibility for fear of encouraging a "mix match" approach that could undermine the drive to ever closer union. It has now accepted the approach as inevitable, given the differences among member states in an enlarging union, and is trying to shape the debate.

Under its approach, groups of member states would have to apply to the Commission to vet their plan to ensure that it did not breach existing rules and rights. The Commission and other community institutions, including the Court of Justice, could administer the more integrated actions, but the participating countries would have to bear the costs. The Government is unhappy with the idea of putting EU machinery, and especially the Court of Justice, at the disposal of inner groups.



President Chirac is welcomed by President Goncz of Hungary and children in Budapest at the start of a two-day state visit by the French leader

# Germans tip Delors to head bank

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BONN

JACQUES DELORS, bogey man of British Eurosceptics, was yesterday tipped in the German press to be the first president of the European central

The claim, in the usually wellinformed Wirtschaftswoche magazine, is being denied, not least by M Delors himself. But there was no doubt in Bonn that M Delors would be an ideal candidate for his long-time friend Helmut Kohl, the German Chancellor. Indeed some believe the information was leaked from Herr Kohl's office, which is staffed by several francophile advisers.

The floating of M Delors' name highlights the dispute between France and Germany over the image and strategy of the future European bank: whether it should it be run by technocrats or political placemen. M Delors may well decline the offer if it ever comes - he is 71 and plagued by sciatica - but it will be instructive to see who supports him, for he is the very model of a political banker.

His appointment would infuriate the Bundesbank and the smaller members of European monetary union who will be looking for a firmly independent central bank.

M Delors enraged Margaret

he showed himself to be a politically adept bureaucratic centraliser - the qualities most loathed by the former British Prime Minister. His training is that of a central banker, having entered the Banque de France at the

The Delors rumour sows further confusion in the bubbling dispute



Delors: favoured by Kohl

Thatcher during his tenure as Presi- between Paris and Bonn about the dent of the European Commission, for : role of the central bank which is due to replace the European Monetary Institute. Paul Marchelli, of France's central bank council said this week that a secret deal was struck between Paris and Bonn at the time that the European bank was sited in Frankfurt. According to M Marchelli, in an interview with the French magazine Investir, Germany agreed to the first head of the European bank being a Frenchman. Now, he suggested, Bonn

was reneging on the deal. The Germans enthusiastically backed the head of the Dutch central bank, Wim Duisenberg, to succeed their present institute chief. Alexandre Lamfalussy. In Germany, especially in the Bundesbank, the German-speaking Dutchman is seen as somebody ho will not allow the European bank to be swayed by politics. It has been assumed that Mr Duisenberg, who takes over in July, will automatically become the central bank chief in 1999.

The French are questioning the idea.

Mr Lamfalussy said last week that the European bank would not be a carbon copy of the Bundesbank but German ministers insist that, if anything, it will be more independent and more determined in pursuit of a hard

currency. By contrast, the French believe that the future European bank should be responsive to democratically elected politicians. The radically different view about the function of a central bank continues to poison Franco-German relations.

Personal politics is also helping to determine the arguments. Since President Chirac of France is unhappy with liberal Dutch drug policies, he is reluctant to reward The Netherlands by approving the appointment of a Dutch banker. The Germans in turn have been reluctant to consider a French alternative, not only because of the risk of political manipulation and a sapping of popular German trust in the euro - but also because of a sense it is losing many arguments to

Typical of the mood in Bonn is an article yesterday, by Professor Werner Kaltefleiter, an influential political scientist at Kiel University. He said Germans would surrender the mark more readily if other countries such as France and Britain "Europeanised" their nuclear weapons. "A single currency alone is not enough to give united Europe international importance. European nuclear weapons are necessary for this."

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# Vichy chief makes last bid to avoid Holocaust trial

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN PARIS

MAURICE PAPON, the ageing Vichy official accused of deporting 1,690 Jews to Nazi death camps during the Second World War, launched a last-ditch legal appeal yesterday to avoid standing trial for crimes against humanity.

The Court of Cassation France's supreme court, be-gan closed-door hearings to decide whether the ailing 87-year-old bureaucrat and fermer Cahinet minister should stand trial in Bordeaux, the city where M Papon served as regional secretary-general under the collaborationist Vichy Government.

M Papon is the first senior Vichy official to face charges of collusion in the Nazi final solution and his case is seen as the last opportunity for France to address the painful

ghosts of Vichy.
"No French civil servant could have known about the final solution," Jacques Bore, one of M Papon's lawyers, told the court, adding that prosecutors were trying to "rewrite history 50 years late". The

Court of Cassation is expected to rule next Thursday. After 14 years of legal wraning by the families of French

Holocaust victims, during which the case was delayed repeatedly for political reasons, an appeal court ruled last September that M Papon should be tried for crimes against humanity. That court also accepted allegations that M Papon was an accomplice in the kidnapping and murder of Jewish deportees, most of whom perished in Auschwitz. He also faces charges of arbitrary arrest, the arrest of minors and "inhuman acts".

If the appeal court decision is not upheld next week, the judicial system will face re-newed allegations that a full examination of Vichy's wartime tole has been covered up. M Papon, who recently un-

derwent triple bypass surgery, had been expected to attend yesterday's hearing but failed to appear, raising concerns that his health may be too tors allege that M Papon, who told the court yesterday.

enjoyed a meteoric postwar career, must have known he was sending Jews to almost certain death.

But his lawyers argue that he was "only obeying orders", that Vichy was not a criminal regime. They also say, per-haps most crucially, that far from being a Nazi tool he was an active member of the Resistance who sought to alleviate the suffering of deported Jews.
M. Papon says that he joined

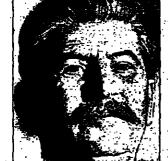
the Resistance in 1943 and, although his claims have been disputed by some former Resistance fighters, they have been supported by others. The two images of M Papon reflect two, starkly different versions of the Vichy years: a Government working in the longerterm interests of France or a cynical group of criminals colluding in genocide. "Respect for the victims' memory demands that Mau-

rice Papon answer at last for the assistance given to crimes against humanity," Jean-Pierre Dintilhac, a prosecutor,



Papon, who is accused of deporting 1,690 Jews to Nazi extermination camps

# Skeletons revive horrors of Stalin's purges



FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN MOSCOW

THE chilling legacy of Stalin's purges in his own homeland have been reawakened in Georgia after workmen discovered three human skeletons in the grounds of the Security Ministry in

According to a ministry spokesman, the remains were found during renovation work and taken away for examination. It is impossible to say

when they were buried here, but the speculation is that it happened in the 1930s during the repressions." the spokesman said.

Some reports suggested that the victims had been buried alive, and may be connected to other human remains. discovered four years ago in the grounds of the Georgian parliament building near by. Arseni Roginsky, the head of Memorial, the organisation committed to remembering the estimated 20 million Soviet citizens who

perished under Stalin, said that the latest discoveries may have been among the tens of thousands of Georgians who were killed in the great

Although Stalin, who was born -Joseph Dzhugashvili, and his henchman, Lavrenti Beria, were both Georgians, this did not prevent them rounding up and murdering their fellow countrymen, often intellectuals and members of the Communist Party they knew personally.

suffered the same as everywhere else in the Soviet Union, except that in Georgia the murders were less random," Mr Roginsky said.

One particularly gruesome statistic is provided by the Communist Party congress of 1937. Of the 644 Georgian delegates who took part, 425 disappeared in the following months. In spite of the memories provoked by this week's findings, many Georgians still regard Stalin as a hero.

# German jailed over mail-order bride business

By Roger Boyes

PHILIPPINE authorities, as part of a crackdown on sex tourism, yesterday jailed a German for running a mailorder bride business which put Europeans in touch with young women in the Philippines.

Bernhard Lauks, 48, from Geseke in north Germany, was sentenced to seven years in prison. A court in Bacolod was told that Lauks ran an illegal business recruiting women from poor areas in the islands of Negros and Cebu.

"Perhaps the point has been reached when Filipino women have to trade their morals for a bowl of rice." said Judge Edgardo de los Reyes. "This is evident from the frequent sex tours and the influx of paedophiles in our

Postal marriage bureaux sometimes occupy a legal grey area in Asia. The Filipino authorities have outlawed such agencies, concerned that they can be used as a cover for paedophile networks or by

Some of the main destinations for sex tourism - the Philippines, Sri Lanka and Thailand — have been cracking down recently on Western tourists, local gangs and cor-rupt officials. Germany, Sweden and Australia have introduced legislation to prosecute paedophiles after they return home. Britain has been considering similar moves.

The calculation is that the offenders will be embarrassed by being tried at home and that this will be an additional deterrent. Such cases have been hard to try because of the difficulty of gathering evidence.

A team of British detectives is flying to Manila at the weekend to improve intelligence links with Filipino authorities and clear up some of the problems in gathering credible evidence. The delegation, drawn from the National Criminal Intelligence Service and the British branch of Interpol, will concentrate on ways of rounding up paedo-

phile networks. The Christian Aid charity says that most foreigners arrested for child sex crimes in the Philippines are British. Last year two Britons and an Australian were convicted of paedophilia and sentenced to up to 17 years in jail.

The Germans are also a prime target for the Filipino police; annually, about 400,000 Germans fly to Third World destinations for sex. The result of this influx has been a rapid increase in child prostitution. In the Philippines there are said to be between 40,000 and 60,000 two thirds of them boys. In Thailand, officials say the number is about 100,000.

Last summer a 63-year-old German was arrested for sexually molesting Filipino boys in a gymnasium he had built north of Manila. German travel companies are now actively co-operating with European and Asian governments in apprehending sex tourists. Suggestive advertisements and phrasing have been removed from travel brochures, and hotel owners have been warned not to tolerate paedophiles.

☐ Manila: A privately funded Japanese women's group has signed an agreement with the Philippines to provide expanded humanitarian assistance to Filipinas used as "sex slaves" during the Second

### Rome wins vote on federal reform to block separatists

new constitutional body resterday which could give Italy a federal structure alone German lines and a directly

elected Prime Minister. Professor Romano Prodi the centre-left Prime Minister elected last April, said the aim was to provide greater stabilthe by revising the postwar constitution to suit impdem

The new bicameral commission will debate fundamental revisions to the constitution. adopted in January 1948 after the end of Fascism. The move towards a federal structure, with greater self-government for the regions, is intended to

2 BY RICHARD OWEN

Umberto Bossi. Although his attempt to declare a separate state of "Padania" in Venice last September gathered little support, leaders of the Left and the Right lear that the regional grievances he exploited remain powerful.

The agreement to set up the commission comes after lengthy negotiations between Silvio Bertusconi, leader of the Centre Right, and Massimo D'Alema, head of the Party of the Democratic Left, the for-mer Communists. The main obstacles have not been between Left and Right but between Signor Berlusconi

THE Italian Senate approved undercut the separatist North and his main partner on the Fascist" Alleanza Nazionale. Signor Fini had wanted Italy to move towards a powerful French-style presidency, but many Italians remain suspicious of such proposals because of the misuse of centralised power by Mussoli-ni, the Fascist dictator.

The Senate majority was larger than expected, with 256 in favour and only 16 against. The proposal still has to pass lower house next week. The commission will have 70 members drawn from both chambers of Parliament, and will report at the end of June.

Memos back top French

link to KGB

Paris: A French magazine yesterday published docu-ments from the KGB and Bulgarian secret service to back its claim that the late Charles Hernu, France's Foreign Minister in the 1980s, was a Communist spy in the 1950s and 1960s (Ben Macintyre writes). One of the memos in L'Express describes relations between "agent Hernu" and his Bulgarian "controller".

**Father confesses** 

Hoofdorp: The father of three

children found dead at home admitted that he and his wife

killed them, Dutch police said.
They were arrested on Wednesday but were recovering from stab wounds. (AP)

Cape Town: Archbishop Des-mond Tutu, the South African

Nobel peace laureate, was admitted to hospital for pros-

tate gland treatment, an asso-

ciate said. Samples were taken for tests. (Reuter)

Siege progress

ing 74 hostages at the Japa-nese Ambassador's residence have agreed to the creation of

a negotiating panel, and hint-ed for the first time they might be willing to leave Peru. (AFP)

Sherry man dies

London: José Ignacio Domecq

González, 82, known as El Nariz (The Nose) for his skill as a connoisseur of sherries, has died in Jerez, southern Spain, the Allied Domecq

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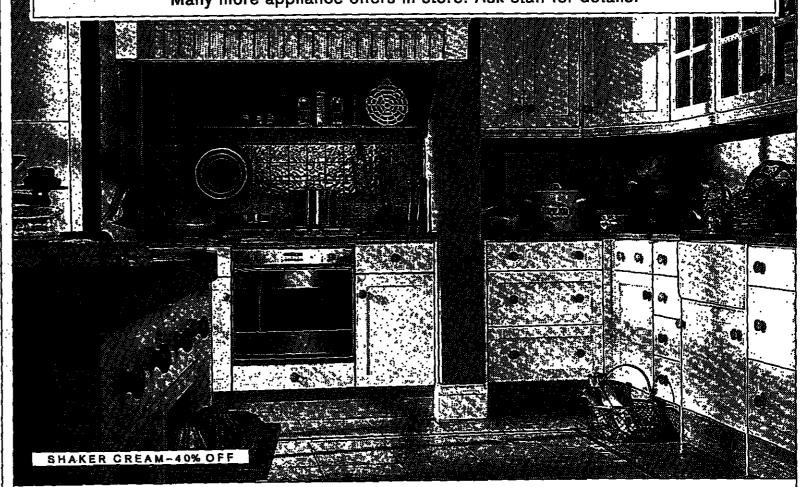
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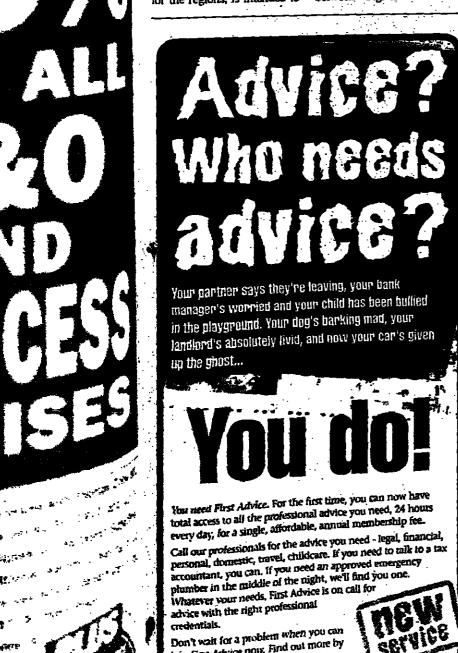
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### Saddam celebrates 'victory'

By MICHAEL THEODOULOU

IRAQ will today kick off a month-long "victory" par-ty marking the sixth anniversary of the Gulf War. President Saddam Hussein will deliver a bellicose speech typical of his performances during the conflict that left his country defeated, impoverished and isolated.

Diplomats say the fanfare is aimed at deflecting attention from the fact that his power base is

eroding rapidly.

Iraqis will be watching to see whether Uday. Saddam's eidest son and one-time heir apparent. who was seriously wounded in an assassination attempt more than a month ago, is at his side. This is unlikely to be so. The playboy was reported this week to be still in hospital and paralysed from the waist down.

State-run television has shown images of Uday, 33. joking about his bullet wounds as badges of honour", but he has not been shown standing.

Saddam is now said to be grooming Qusay. 31, his more sober son. to succeed him. Most Iragis view this move with equal alarm. "Uday is a psychopath, but Qusay is a sadist." an Iraqi exile said.

The objective of the defiant "victory" party is to demonstrate that Saddam's grip on power is as tight as ever. Iraqis have been ordered to express their hatred of the "cowardly" West.

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# Israeli soldiers told to pull out 'with heads held high and in broad daylight'

# Star of David flag comes down at Hebron army base

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN JERUSALEM

ISRAEL'S Star of David flag was lowered at an army checkpoint guarding the en-trance to Hebron yesterday and dozens of lorries were loaded with heavy equipment as Israel prepared to end 30 years of military rule over most of the West Bank city.

Army commanders were poised to give the go-ahead for the pullout to begin in earnest after a heated debate in the 120-seat Knesser to approve the deal completed in the early hours of Wednesday by Binyamin Netanyahu, the Prime Minister, and Yassir Arafat. the Palestinian leader.

Yitzhak Mordechai, the Defence Minister, a strong backer of the decision to withdraw from 80 per cent of the city holy to both Jews and Muslims, issued orders to the army not to begin the evacuation until the Knesset gave its authorisation. However, after the narrow 11-7 vote of approval in the Cabinet, Mr Mordechai sanctioned the immediate removal of heavy equipment to speed up the operation and minimise chances of violence by extreme right-wing Jews and Islamic militants, who are both firmly opposed to the agreement.

Because opposition leftwing parties had pledged to support the long-delayed pullback, originally scheduled for March 1996, Israel radio said that the controversial deal was assured of support in parliament. It was also being debatWITHDRAWAL

ed in the Palestinian legislature in Ramallah, where angry representives claimed that they had not been given copies of the agreement.

After the humiliation of Israel's late-night flight from Nablus, the largest West Bank city, which was a severe blow to army morale. Mr Mordechai issued special orders that the retreat from Hebron - the last West Bank city still under Israeli control -- must be carried out "with heads held high and in broad daylight". Hebron's 450 Jews, sur-

rounded by 20,000 Palestinians, will stay on in the city under heavy guard. In rain and fog that kept onlookers to a minimum, army bulldozers dismantled cement barriers at the gate of

the main military headquarters on a hill above the city. Palestinians living near the headquarters were euphoric as they watched the soldiers preparing a pullout that Washington hopes will give a boost to the flugging peace process. "It is one of the happiest

days of my life." said Maher Dandi, a 25-year-old baker watching from his home in a city with a total Arab popula-tion of 120,000. "I never dreamt the army would leave here." Also dismantled, as the marathon Knesset debate continued, were checkpoints and an observation post in different parts of the city. Although many right-wing ready to enter the city." Briga-

dismay at the agreement to hand over land to Palestinians regarded by the ruling Likud Party as part of Israel's biblical heritage, an opinion poll in Yediot Aharonot, the biggestselling Tel Aviv newspaper, found 67 per cent of Israelis in

Cranes plucked sentry box-es from rooftops and rain-soaked conscripts dragged away the ugly paraphernalia of an occupation that began before they were born.

They split open sandbags, pulled down barbed wire and dismantled searchlights. "We hope the settlers will do the same and leave our town and let us live in peace," Harned Khalil Amr. a Palestinian butcher, said.

The Jewish settlers appeared resigned to the withdrawal and announced that on Sunday they will stage a protest at the Cave of the Patriarchs when they will rend their clothes in a traditional act of Jewish mourning. Military sources said that the redeployment was expected to be over by then.

In place of the departing Israelis, 400 blue-uniformed Palestinian police were last night ready to take over responsibility for law and order in the bulk of the city and also to perform joint patrols with some of the Israelis who will remain in the 20 per cent of the city to stay under Israeli

"As soon as the redeployment begins, our forces are



Israeli soldiers dismantle a watch tower at the army headquarters in Hebron yesterday after the agreement to withdraw from four fifths of the disputed city

dier-General Abdel-Fattah al-Jaidi, the Palestinians' He-bron commander, said. he attempted to reassure angry rightwingers that Israel was not leaving Hebron. The Knesset debate was

merely redeploying its forces. opened by Mr Netanyahu, He received more support who was frequently heckled as

he did from his own right-Benny Begin, who yesterday resigned as Science Minister.

wing coalition. Conspicuous by his absence from the Cabinet table in the plenum was

ional unity involving both Likud and Labour. Already, to the anger of some on the

extreme Right disillusioned by

what they see as the Hebron surrender two deputies from the opposing camps, Michael Eiran, leader of the

Likud Knesset group, and

Yossi Beilin, a Labour leader-

ship contender, have been

discussing a mutually accept-

Parallel with the revived

able final status plan.

### **Tactical** shift fails to solve enigma

By CHRISTOPHER WALKER

YOU promised. We believed. You betrayed," read the sign held yesterday by one of the right-wing Israelis maintaining a protest vigil outside the office of Binyamin Netan-yahu, the Prime Minister, after he concluded the tortuous deal with the Palestinian Authority to hand over most of Hebron.

Although many right-wing Jewish extremists see Mr Netanyahu as a "traitor" who has sold out his ideals, most political analysts see him more as a continuing enigma.

### REACTION

"Netanyahu has been in office for seven months, but there has yet to be any progress in deciphering the enigma of his true personality." Hemi Shalev, a leading Israeli colunmist, wrote.

While the increasingly isolated settler movement argued that the Hebron deal reflected the final abandonment by Mr Netanyahu of the revisionist ideology of Zionism for which his family was famous, most commentators concluded that the longdelayed decision to sanction the Hebron pullout was mainiy a tactical response to polit-

ical pressure.
"It is significant that the Likud would sign an agreement to evacuate the city they view as their ancestral hometown," said Khalil al-Shikaki, director of the West Bankbased Centre for Palestine Research and Studies. "But 33 this does not necessarily indicate giving up a long-held ideological stance. It may only reflect political pragma-

tism on his part." Gerald Steinberg, a political science professor at Tel Aviv's Bar Ilan University. agreed. "It is clearly a prag-matic step," he concluded. "He is responding to the lack of an alternative.

Unlike the Sinai, handed back to Egypt under the 1979 Camp David treaty by Menachem Begin (whose son, Benny, resigned from the Cabinet over the Hebron accord). Hebron and the rest of the West Bank of the River Jordan are viewed by rightwing Israelis as "Judaea and Samaria', and thus theirs by God-given right.

Western diplomats said that Mr Netanyahu's reluctantly given agreement on Hebron was born more of American and, to a lesser extent. Arab and other international pressure than of any heartfelt commitment to the 1993 Palestinian self-rule deal.

# Hunt resumes for way out of Jerusalem labyrinth

THE long-delayed Israeli pullout from four fifths of Hebron will grant only the shortest of breathing spaces in the broader attempt to bring permanent peace to the Middle East and another regional war.

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week, the evacuation of the Israeli troops from the West Bank city holy to Jews and Muslims is to be followed "within two months" by the resumption of the "permanent status negotiations".

These talks on a fin agreement are acknowledged Under an important clause on both sides to involve much

that of Hebron. "These are the real hard nuts that were left until last by the Oslo agree-ment," one diplomat said. They will make negotiating Hebron look very small beer."

The final status talks defeat of the previous Labour administration, but were ad-

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journed before proper work could begin and were overtaken by the May election that swept Binyamin Netanyahu's right-wing Government to power. No attempt has been made so far to resume them.

The talks, planned to be completed in 1999, will tackle the question of future Palestinian sovereignty. The most contentious of the issues, which many observers fear will prove intractable, is the future of Jerusalem. With both sides claiming the holy city as their capital, the subject arouses emotions much more fundamental than those involved over Hebron, which four fifths of Israelis said in a poll yesterday they had not

visited in the past five years.

"If there is no good faith, no

proof that (the Palestinians) are complying with signed agreements, then I cannot see how we will be able to make progress on such drastic is-Elissar, the Israeli Ambassador to Washington. In

addition to Jerusalem, the new

talks will also cover the final

borders of what Palestinians hope will be their state as well as the future of millions of Palestinian refugees. The Netanyahu Government has made known its opposition to any notion of a "right of return" for the Pales-tinians abroad. So vexed are the questions due for discussion that many Israelis believe

tion of a government of nat-

final status talks, a tussle between Israel and the Palestinians looks likely over the amount of West Bank land that Israel will vacate in the three further redeployments agreed this week, to be completed by the middle of next year. Israel says that the new pullbacks will leave it with 50 that no final agreement can be per cent of the West Bank; the Palestinians say that the figreached without the installaure should be 15 per cent.



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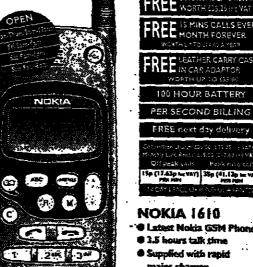
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# Algiers troops in Is casbah gun battle with guerrillas

A FRESH wave of bloodshed swept Algeria yesterday as security forces fought running gunbattles with Muslim guerrillas in the streets of the ed several sweeps of the discasbah in Algiers and a powerful bomb exploded in a crowded market south of the capital, killing 12 people and injuring at least 100.

More than 300 people have been killed in Algeria's spiralling violence over the past two months, bringing the death toll to an estimated 60,000 since 1992 when the military cancelled elections which the Islamists were certain to win. Government security forces, reinforced by elite Algerian moops, sealed off the high casbah on Wednesday night and exchanged fire for seven hours with 12 heavily armed extremist rebels holed up in

the ancient heart of the city. The casbah, overlooking the Mediterranean, was a focal point of resistance to French forces during Algeria's war of independence, and the Muslim extremists seeking to overthrow the Algerian Govern-

ment have recently signalled their presence in the area with a series of brutal murders. Security forces have conducttrict in the course of the fiveyear conflict, often using heavy weaponry and seldom

taking prisoners. At least 12 people were killed vesterday in the town of Boufarik, 20 miles south of Algiers, when a bomb exploded in the popular morning car market. The attack came just a week after simultaneous car bombs killed 20 people and injured more than 100 in Aigiers and the town of Ain-Fakroun, 240 miles east of the

Despite the Government's claims to be winning the bitter conflict, violence has steadily escalated in recent weeks with series of bombings and attacks on villages by guerrallas. Earlier this week the bodies of five girls were found with their throats cut in a

village near Algiers. The bombing in Boufarik, a known centre of Islamic miliNew light on Britons killed in Indonesia

FROM ROGER MAYNARD IN SYDNEY

THE secrecy surrounding the fate of two British journalists murdered when Indonesia invaded East Timor in the 1970s was partly lifted yesterday with release of a hitherto unpublished photograph of their funeral.

tancy, came hours after Presi-

dent Zeroual insisted: "The

Algerian nation is staunchly

committed to fight terrorsim

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The army's raid on the

casbah on Wednesday night

came after the Armed Islamic

Group (GIA), the most mili-

tam of the Islamic groups

fighting to topple the military-

backed regime, distributed

leaflets threatening to kill

women wearing Western-style clothes and forbidding men

An Arabic-language news

paper al-Mouad, suspected of

pro-Islamic leanings, was

ized from printing presses

by the authorities yesterday in

the latest crackdown on the

The confiscated edition car-

Emir Abdelkader, the late and

revered Algerian leader, had

been turned into a nightclub.

In the last three years, al-

from smoking.

tors and mercenaries."

The photograph reveals that the service for five murdered journalists, including the two Britons, was attende by a British diplomat, despite the fact that the Foreign Office for years refused to give information about their deaths or disclose details to their relations in Britain.

The picture shows mourners with a single coffin con-taining the remains of the five reporters, including the Brit-ons Malcolm Rennie, 28, and Brian Peters, 29, who were working for Australia's Channel Nine network in the border town of Balibo when they were killed by Indoneried a story alleging that the Damascus home in exile of

The photograph, taken during a simple religious service at a graveyard in Jakarta, was kept from relations until recently. Although a copy of the Mouad has been banned picture was given in 1995 by



The released photograph of the coffin allegedly containing the remains of five journalists at a Jakarta graveyard

the Foreign Office to Maureen Tolfree, Peters's sister, other relations knew nothing about its existence until this

Last night Shirley Shackleton, a widow of one of the Australian newsmen, said that the photograph proved

there was a degree of collu-

sion by the Australian authorities. "It makes me angry to think that these men, who think they are given a mandate to rule the Australian people, were colluding with the Indonesian authorities to keep this whole thing silent,"

into the killings." I don't think did not believe that the coffin conspiracy is too big a charge contained the journalists' reto make," she added. mains, which were never returned to Australia. "I was sent a telegram by a doctor

who was given the so-called

remains to identify and he

said the most I can say is

they're human, " she recalled.

She wants a judicial inquiry

Indonesia says that the five were killed in crossfire between East Timorese factions. But an Australian investigation last year concluded that probably they were killed by



# Africa's ex-rebels go back to war against new foes

FROM SAM KILEY, AFRICA CORRESPONDENT, IN NAIROBI

THE leaders of four African countries have launched a cross-border military purge of their enemies. The co-Fordinated effort could undermine French influence in East and Central Africa and confirm fears in Paris of an "anglophone conspiracy" in

home

President Museveni of the region. Uganda, who arrived in London for a private conference last night, is at the centre of the initiative, which is based on friendships between African guerrillas-turned-politicians, forged in conflict and in

student digs in the 1970s.
Others in the informal alliance include Paul Kagame. Rwanda's Vice-President and Minister of Defence, who - as a Tutsi refugee in Uganda — was head of Mr Museveni's military intelligence until 1990. The two men are close friends with two other tough former guerrilla leaders, Presidents Aferwerki of Eritrea and Zenawi of Ethiopia.

All four brought down dictatorships which had the backing of better-armed and bigger armies in the 1980s and 1990s. With the enthusiastic backing of the United States and the quiet approval of Britain, they are now retaliating against neighbouring states which have been harbouring rebel groups opposed to them taking their cue from Washington's frequent demand that "Africans find solutions to



ex-guerrilla alliance



Africa's problems". They are doing so by, in turn, assisting rebels against the govern-ments of those countries. This week the Sudan People's Liberation Army (SPLA), led by John Garang, a longtime colleague of Mr Museveni and Major-General

Kagame, has won remarkable victories against Khartoum's army on the borders with Eritrea and Ethiopia. Both countries have denied any involvement with the SPLA. but Eritrean and Ethiopian officers have been seen commanding SPLA soldiers. An African diplomat in Nai-

robi said: There is no way that the SPLA are not being supported by the Eritreans and the Ethiopians. Their help could turn around the civil war in Sudan."

It could also hasten the demise of Khartoum's Islamic regime, which has backed fundamentalist groups in Somalia, Eritrea and Ethiopia, and a Christian fundamental ist group which is hoping to overthrow the Ugandan Government. Sudan is on the US. list of states sponsoring

Late last year, Uganda and Rwanda also backed an uprising by rebels in eastern Zaire who are aiming to drive the Zairean Army from the region and bring down President Mobutu. The aim of the Ugandan and Rwandan leaders was to destroy the Hutu militia which was using Zaire as a base for operations in Rwanda, as well as several Ugandan rebel groups based in the northeast of Zaire.

Uganda and Rwanda have denied any part in supporting the uprising. On the front line, however, soldiers freely admit that they were trained in Rwanda and served in the Rwandan Army: Some even spoke only Ugandan lan-guages, such as Acholi.

This complex web of overlapping civil wars has resulted in a spread of the English language in Zaire, traditionally an area of French influence. President Mobutu is now recruiting a white legion of mercenaries to take back land which he lost to the Ugandan and Rwandan-backed rebels. Since French soldiers were forced to surrender Fashoda to the British under Lord Kitchener in 1898, the army and hardline elements in the Elysee Palace have been ob-sessed with the spread of

Anglo-Saxon influence in Central Africa. Recent events have reinforced their conspiracy



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'I thought the divorce law was good, but we got it as wrong as could possibly be'



Ruth Deech, Chairman of Admissions at Oxford and principal of St Anne's, thrives on committees: "I am blessed with a fairly loud voice and a thick skin'

Ruth Deech has been at the coalface of legal reform since the Sixties. Today she chairs the authority on human fertilisation and embryology

home from cruising in the Indian Ocean last Sunday to find herself in the eye of several win situations."

have her late husband's baby. Mrs Deech, chairman of the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority, can say nothing about this. But as Chairman of Admissions at Oxford, she can refute Simon Times that Oxford should be less meritocratic taking a

gamble on eccentric "If Oxford was NOT mentocratic. I can just imagine what he would say. There are so many bright kids with three As, one can choose the brightest and also find among em the debaters, the sportsthe eccentrics, the drunks. But we cannot start by looking for people with family and college connections. That

is quite unacceptable." Yet as Ruth Fraenkel, she got herself into Oxford eccentrically with only one top-grade A level (French); her Latin was average and she failed history. But she was determined. She tried every Oxbridge college until Lady Ogilvie, principal of St Anne's, "took a chance on her". And Lady O was right. Miss Fraenkel achieved her first (in law), and has become a power in the land as well as principal

of St Anne's herself. She was the only child of refugee parents in Clapham. Her father was a Viennese journalist (he studied law but could not practise under Hit-ler) who arrived in London the day war was declared.

At ten, she passed the II-plus so impressively that the local authority sent her to Christ's Hospital School, Hertford. "I'd read Angela Brazil and imagined fun in the dorm. But it wasn't like that. They stripped you naked and clothed you in lisle stockings. baggy navy gymslips, calico underwear, starched nightdresses. I was miserable." As the only Jewish girl in a churchy school, she objected to bacon for breakfast, and her parents nearly took her away. "But i wouldn't admit defeat. I was a battling, determined child even then.

Thirty years on she realises her school made her resilient, disciplined and efficient.

aving accompa-nied her husband, whom she met on Oxford, to teach in Canada. she came home to see a Times advert for a St Anne's fellowship, and has been there ever since, influencing the law from outside the courtroom. Her 1994 polemic on Dangers in Divorce Reform warned against the most recent changes. Yet back in 1969 Mrs Deech had been at the coalface of divorce reform,

"I was only a lowly assistant at the Law Commission at a most exciting time. And I thought it was a very good law, rectifying previous defects. But as the years passed, I realised that the underlying sociology was hopelessly

They thought illegitimacy would fall, divorce would stabilise and become less hostile. Instead illegitimacy rose, cohabitation rocketed, the di-

vorce rate trebled. We got it as wrong as could possibly be." So she is now drafting

contract for marriage, askir has marriage any contractual obligations, if there is no-fault divorce? "Under the old thivorce law, you at least knew you must not desert, be cruel or commit adultery. do part': but who knows what is involved? It's not surprising

that marriage has become pre-nuptial -agreements; in involve thinking out what exactly, people undertake

heavily into fundraising. A been generous, but St Anne's has hitherto specialised in writers (Tina Brown, Libby Purves, Jancis Robinson) rather than heiresses. Mrs Deech thrives on committees: "That's how you get things done. I am blessed with a fairly loud voice and a thick skin." Having enjoyed the benefits of the college creche for her daugh-



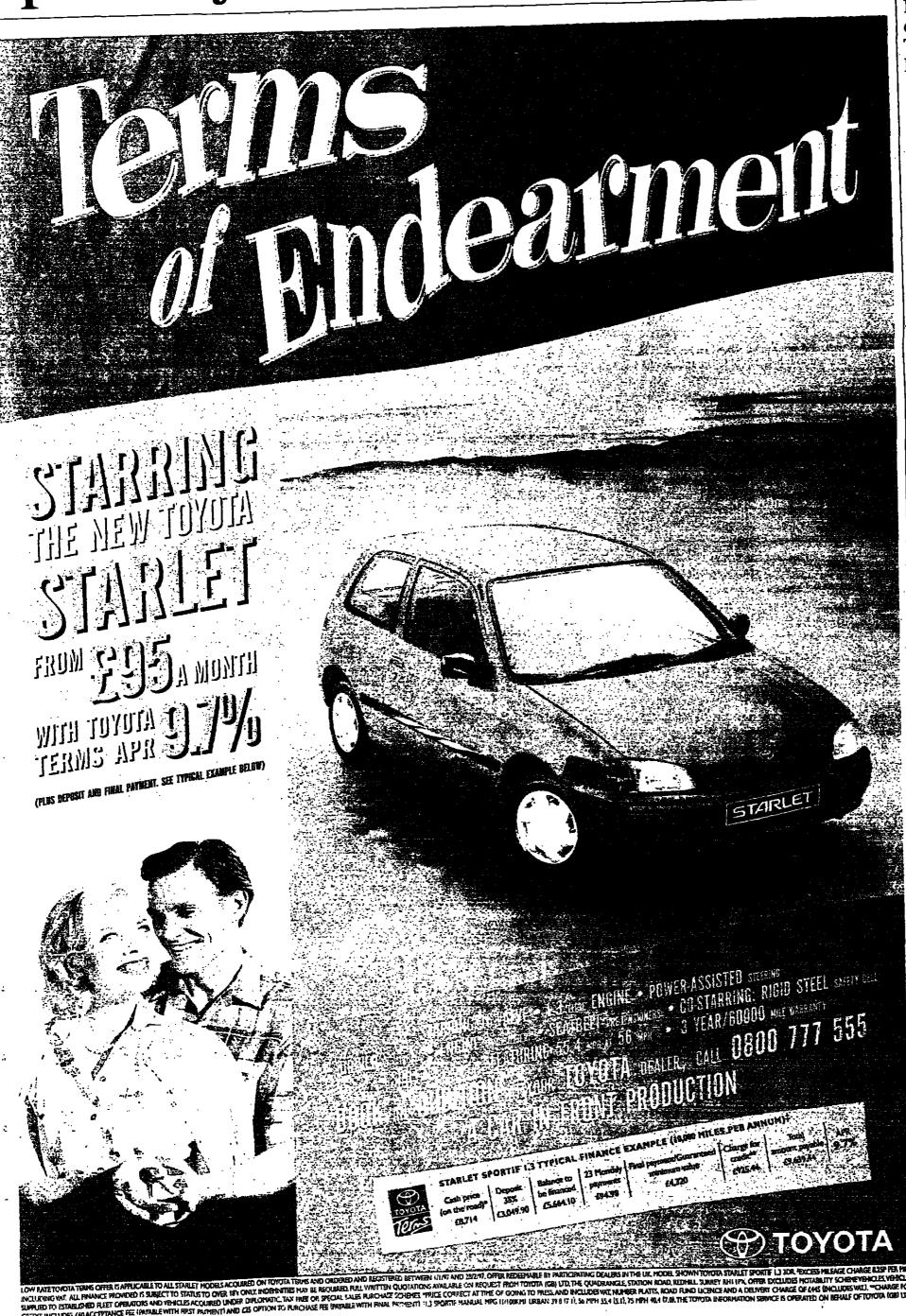
ter, she fought for more creches. What's the point of equal opportunities if women can't use them? My mother was always reminding me she had to give up work for me."

She hardly stops working. It seems years since she played the piano or baked a cake. She once rang me at midnight while hurtling down the M40 to her husband, an Oxford solicitor. Her chief recreation now is after-dinner speaking: everyone wants to know about the HFEA

Her job there is to steer 20 colleagues to agreements that the public will accept. But public opinion is volatile, last summer it swung one way on frozen embryos, another on the culling of triplets, badd, again on Mandy Allwoods octuplets. About Mrs Blood public opinion felt that the HFEA was clinging inflexibly to its tenet of consent which the unconscious Mr

Blood cauld not give. But regulatory bodies are never popular, she says. They have to balance so many interests. And the questions raised by embryology have only begun, with eugenic ent-bryo tests for cystic fibrosis breast cancer. How much do we want to know Shall we discard a habi because it might develop breast cancer? Do we discard

all but the perfect bables?" Public opinion will carry of cavilling. Mrs Deech does not waver. While science advances faster than our emotional is pacity to cope with the ethics consequences, "I believe there is virtue and stability in tight regulation per se, she says is reassures the public.



# My memories of a cool dad



Father and daughter: they shared the same shyness, looks and deadpan humour



ebecca and her mother, Mary: they knew that Ronnie was suffering one of his depressions



Ronnie with the young Rebecca: "He understood everything that was going on with me"

The crowd was riveted by the saxophonist about his impending seventi-playing to the dark—eth birthday on January 28. ened, smoke-filled club, but as far as Ronnie Scott was concerned there was only

one person in the room. Rebecca, his only daughter from a long-standing relationship 25 years ago, sat watching from a table at her father's Soho jazz club as he played her favourite childhood song,

Send in the Clowns. It was October, 1995, and the last time she would ever see him play. Fifteen months later, two days before Christmas, she walked into his flat in Chelsea to find him lying dead, face down on the livingroom carpet, beside his constant companion the television set. Provisional tests have proved inconclusive but some friends fear Scott, a depressive for much of his life had

committed suicide. It is sadly ironic that, in the end, it had to be Rebecca who found him. Since she and her mother, Mary, moved to America when she was 14 months old (her parents' relationship had broken up), she saw her father only a few times a year when she came to London or he to the States. Despite the distance, father and daughter were close, sharing the same shyness, looks and deadpan sense of

Rebecca, 24, and her mother knew in early December that Scott was suffering one of his depressions. Mary had tried to persuade him to buy a Christmas tree to cheer up the flat. but he was evasive. When Renecca arrived to spend Christmas with him on December 17 his mood had not improved. He was deeply depressed about a dental prob-

from playing at his best and

"I knew something was wrong, it had been going on for quite some time," says Rebecca. "He was very worried about being 70. He kept saying he was too old and couldn't play I said to him: You might be 70 but you don't look it and certainly don't act it. But it didn't make any

He just said he wasn't in

down every single decoration, he had physically removed them from the flat," said

On the night before his death, Scott took Rebecca and a friend to dinner at The Ivy restaurant Later they returned to Scott's eponymously named club and there was a disagreement over the amount of time Scott was spending talking to friends and colleagues. At one stage Rebecca was left sitting on her own for two hours. That night she went to stay with a friend and when she returned to her

and the Buddy Rich Orchestra lem which prevented him to Soho Scott, who was born ca' and let it go.

The Atlantic separated them, but Ronnie Scott and his illegitimate daughter remained close. Speaking for the first time since his death,

private life was always

the Christmas spirit." Urged by her mother to "try to make Christmas for Daddy", Rebecca bought decorations for the modest twobedroom flat, situated in a block off the King's Road. She spent more than an hour putting them up but when she awoke the next morning Scott. had pulled them all down again. "Not only had he taken

father's flat the following afternoon she found him. It was an inglorious end for a man who brought magic into the lives of many people and created perhaps the most fam-ous jazz club in the world, bringing the likes of Dizzy Gillespie, Coleman Hawkins

in the East End, is revered for his contribution to jazz, but his

complex. He has two children, Nicholas, 32, by his former longterm partner lisa Scott, and Rebecca, by Mary Scott, a former member of staff at his club. Although he never married (friends say he could never commit himself to one person), both women bear his name. His close friend Benny Green is reported as saying

that he never got over the divorce of his parents, Sylvia and lock lock a successful danceband saxophonist. committed suicide at 55 after discovering he had terminal cancer.

It is a testament to Scott's ability to compartmentalise his life that Nicholas and Rebecca have never met,

but both were dear to him. Like his father, Nicholas, a magician, suffers from depression. This prevented him from attending his father's funeral at Golders Green crematorium, north London, last week.

"He was basically a very cool dad," says Rebecca. "He understood everything that was going on with me and never judged me or tried to preach to me about school or work. When I would go through different phases, like getting my eyebrow pierced, he would just say 'Oh, Rebec-

she tells Carol Midgley how she missed her chance to say goodbye He was very witty and quick. He didn't have any back teeth and he was able to make these really hideous faces at me. Sometimes he

would just walk around with his nose taped up and his eye taped down for no reason. No one could make me laugh like Regulars at Ronnie Scott's, which he ran with his business

partner Peter King, were used to Scott's banter. "We are very impressed with the way you are controlling

yourselves. What have you been drinking. Cement? Why don't you all join hands and contact the living?" he would tease the audience.

When Rebecca

— I was almost in tears'

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and Mary first moved to America, they spent four years living in a New York hotel while Mary carved out a living as a booking agent. She now runs her own catering business from Brook-

in Providence, Rhode Island. Rebecca's early memories are of the club in Frith Street which dominated her father's life, although at the time she was too young to appreciate it. When I was about six I hated coming over to London because I didn't have many friends here. I didn't like the club because I remember it was always so dark and

smoky, but as I got older and

made friends I began to appre-

lyn, while Rebecca runs a club

Christmas I told him it would ciate how privileged I was. Dad is revered for his playing: take time to recover but he said: 'That's just it Mary, i really admired everywhere don't have time, do I? and not just by his own Had he been able to play himself out of this depression generation. I get to meet all kinds of famous musicians it probably would have been who play at the club in Rhode OK. But he was a perfectionist Island and they are in awe of and could not tolerate being him. Noel Gallagher from anything but the best. His Oasis was once chatting to me teeth stopped him playing to and when I said my dad was Ronnie Scott he couldn't

just to sit and listen to the "But Dad would never acknowledge it himself. He was modest to a fault, even to the point of signing postcards from my friends back home. But I think deep down, way, way down, he acknowledged

believe it. He told me he had

been to Dad's club by himself

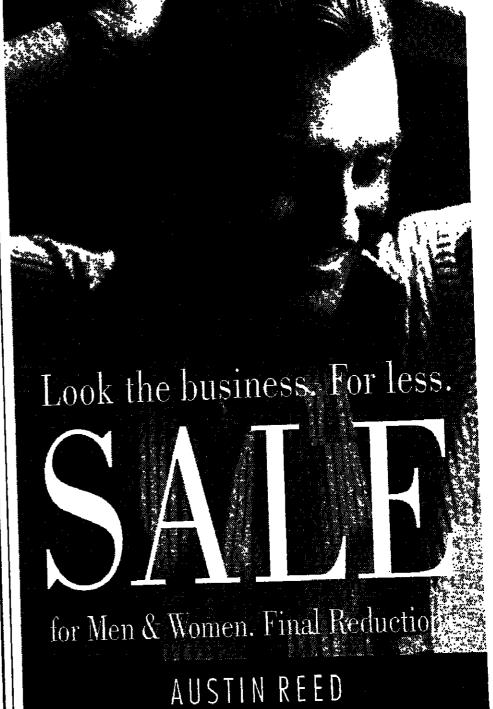
Usa, the mother of Nicholas, believes that, in the end, Scott felt he had let people down "I'm very very sad that he died the way he did but in a way. although avoidable, it was inevitable," she said. "He was a kind man, a lovely man who wanted to do right by people. But in the end he didn't do right by himself. There was a lot of self-loathing there and it

drove him downhill." In his past during difficult times Scott tried to take his own life several times but received expert psychiatric

Mary, 53, believes Scott's recent illnesses - he had had operations for thrombosis as well as his dental problems -drove him to despair. "He couldn't see his way through this illness," she said. "Before his normal standards and he played was like a Picasso painting and expressed all his inner turmoil, but recently the light had gone out of his eyes. He had been teetotal for most of his life but recently he had

taken to drinking.
"He lived his life the way he wanted. The Ronnie I know and love is the one who would take me to a restaurant, sit down at a table, then pretend to the waiter that he had no idea who I was. He was a hysterically funny man and

"That night at the club when couldn't stand it. The music he played Send in the Clowns him the sheet music to that song when I first heard Sinatra sing in it America and he put his version on an album. Becky always loved that recording of her father's when she was eight she choreographed some children dancing to it. It is very significant for us. That night he was playing directly to her. his saxophone was pointing directly towards her and I was almost in tears. I will never forget it."

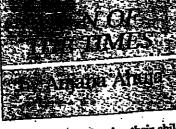


### Hillary fades as Liam triumphs in the name game are becoming trendy again in Brit-

WHILE we were all marvelling at the appearance of Liam in the list of British top ten boys' names, American onomasticians (people who study names) noticed something very

Hillary, which had been becoming increasingly popular, was suddenly nowhere to be seen. "It's the quickest fall in a name I've seen, said Cleveland Kent Evans, a rather improbably named onomastician

based in Nebraska. According to Mr Evans, whose discovery was reported earlier this month in the International Herald Tribune, for every ten babies christened Hillary in 1992, there was only one in 1993. Since Mrs Clinton (or. her husband) took office, mothers



became afraid to burden their child with the H-word because of the assumption that it is out of admiration for the First Lady. There may be some precedent in that - after all, how many Adolfs do you know? And although traditional girls names such as Eleanor (No.22),

Molly (No.28) and Georgina (No.39)

ain. Margaret may well have been buried for good by its unshakeable association with the Iron Lady Also reported in the IHT was "evidence" of a long-held suspicion

that the choice of a name reflects parental breeding.
College-educated mothers and fathers tend to derive inspiration for names from the Bible, history and literature, and are therefore more likely to favour classics such as

Edward and Elizabeth. Parents who dropped out of college, Mr Evans says, tend to look more to popular and contemporary culture for their choice. As a result. their children bear the same names

as pop stars or television celebrities. That probably explains why Britain suffered a rash of Kylies not many years ago, and why Liam surfaced this year in the list of top ten popular

Mr Evans has sifted through the birth records in the state of Oregon to illustrate his thesis. College graduates chose the following names for their boys Matthew Nicholas, Zachary, Alexander, Benjamin: Ryan; Andrew; and Joshua.

In contrast, the top ten boys' names among the children of high school drop-outs were Michael; Austin; Daniel: Christopher, Tyler, Brandon: Christian; and David. It cannot be long before Brad emerges as a front-

### Philip Howard



### Send in the clowns — don't bother. they're here

lowns have far more appeal than serious men of affairs. Their vulnerability ✓ and impotence in a cruel world attract the sympathy of the man in the stalls and the woman in the polling booth. Shakespeare knew their uses to lighten the intolerable burden of tragedy and to make shrewd points beneath the bulbous nose and the permanent bad hair day of the clown. And from Buster Keaton to Rowan Atkinson and Rik Mayall, clowns have milked the sympathy and followed in the pratfalls of those old fools, "Don't laugh, it's cruel." admonished Max

Wall. "Don't laugh at me 'cos I'm a fool," croaked Norman Wisdom. And their audiences fell about in sympathy with their misfortunes and clumsiness.

In the run-up to the general election (the longest straight man's feed in the history of showbusiness) our politicians could learn more useful lessons from clowns than from their busy crowds of press advisers, ennobled advertising agents, speech-writers and policy wonks. Any fool could have told John Major and Tony Blair that it is bad business to be nasty to tramps. This may play well to hard-hearted readers of the Daily Mail on suburban commuter lines from Metroland and Dulwich Village. But Stan Laurel. Charlie Chaplin and other old boys from Fred Karno's Factory made the tramp. cheerful and cheeky in adversity, one of the strongest archetypes in the English imagination. Screaming Lord Sutch (the longestserving party leader in politics) and Sir James Goldsmith's barmy army will attract such lew votes as they get from this natural sympathy for no-hopers and outsiders.

Playing in London at present there are three shows with superb modern clowns of different genres. Their policies could make the election more effective as well as more cheerful. Slava in Snowshow says nothing in the tradition of Harpo Marx and Pierrot, personified by Jean-Gaspard Deburau and immortalised in Les Enfants du Paradis. But his surrealist silences say more with 20 times more wit than Prime Minister's Questions. And he engages the audience for his clown's equivalent of a party political broadcast by spreading a pseudo-cobweb over their heads, turning a blizzard on them, and bouncing huge balls on their heads - all metaphors for the confusing business of life

rictoria Chaplin and Jean Baptiste Thierree in Le cercle invisible are also superb mimes, circus magicians and clowns. They too work through indirections. silence and surprise. Jean Baptiste has a permanent smile and funny hair, a bit like Tony Blurr. But Jean Baptiste has the vague, zany, endearing smile of the clown that includes his audience in his private world. not the professional rictus as advised by television coaches, which both excludes and alarms the audience. And Victoria glides more gracefully and transforms her message and her costume more elegantly and smiles more secretively than any politician.

The bounding young men and women in Saltimbanca come from a more violent school of clowning. The invention of elastic ropes strong enough for bunjy-jumping has transformed this sect of knockabout clowning into flying on a string. It is the one that the small boys like best. These bounders and clowners do talk, but it is in an incomprehensible gibberish that sounds like a birdlike dialect of a Romance language. But it is far more comprehensible and impressive than a thousand doctored soundbites.

When clowns weep great coloured tears down their powdered cheeks, their audience weeps and smiles with them. When politicians use the red or blue tear trick on their posters, the result is disturbing and confusing. A politician knows a good joke when he steals one. But when a politician tries a spot of satire about his opponents, he has his audience rolling in the aisles - towards the exits.

A government of clowns, a comedocracy, would be a ship of fools. We do not really want a clown in Downing Street, not even Charlie Chaplin or Sir James. Our statesmen long for the love and happiness the clown inspires. But they could learn some modesty and humanity, as well as good humour and the art of silence from our clowns. And we can escape from the follies of the election campaign into the far more serious world of proper clowns.

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# High-minded and doomed

ould Parliament be detribalised? For months there has been gossip about a flirtation between two party leaders. Tony Blair and Paddy Ashdown are bonding. What do we make of it?

The iron fences around the Palace of Westminster enclose much worldliness, but no spot more cynical than the Press Gallery bar. Here, words like "princi-ple" and "friendship" raise a titter, the phrase "altruistic motives" a hollow laugh. God's name is unknown here. except as an expletive.

Pint in hand, the lobby correspondent would never quite have got the measure of Joan of Arc. attributing her voices, perhaps, to a spin-doctor under deep cover. Commentary on Thomas More, missing his mainspring, would have lacked predictive power. Luther would have been an enigma. Gladstone a puzzle to the press bar. Seen from this cave, the explanation for any partnership een politicians from competing parties is uncomplicated. Each must be in it for himself and his party. Each hopes to use the other, ditching him when his help is no longer needed.

To such observers, Mr Blair is simply

arranging a small insurance policy against the contingency that he fails to win enough seats to govern alone, or runs into mutiny. Mr Ashdown is manoeuvring his crew into a hove-to position: ready to sell his support for a high price and a limited period. The bar wonders only who will take whom for a ride. It rejects the contrary interpretation as hopelessly high-minded. This is that Blair and Ashdown have been growing personally closer, kindred spirits, sharing more than with many on their own teams. Both are repelled by the tribalism of British politics, both conscious of a purpose in public life beyond winning for the tribe.

Naturally each sees material advantage in their tryst, but also something more: a refuge. Neither has many grown-ups to talk to in his own party, and even those grown-ups are objects of suspicion. Who can suppose Tony Blair feels more relaxed with Robin Cook than Paddy Ashdown, Mr Ashdown happier with Simon Hughes than Mr Blair?

Co-operation across party, both believe, would be good in itself. The adversarial nature of British politics is self-defeating, party a sour and blinkered thing. Would it not enrich public affairs if people of goodwill formed habits of co-operation, bringing Parliament into accord with what the nation yearns for: government in the national interest by a deliberative as-

Blair and Ashdown want to break the mould, but the effort may break them

Matthew

Parris

sembly of reasonable men and women, all doing what's best for the country the Athenian ideal?

The coming election, each muses, could mark the birth of a millennial idea: detribulisation. At the very least

this would remove grit from the legislative machine; but in wilder moments, both dream of a real constitutional shift, a dawning era of governments-of-all-the-talents, fantasy Cabinets which are not a game; the consensualising of British politics.

Ashdown has thought this through and sees electoral reform and coalition government at the heart of such a shift. Blair, a more instinctive man, knows the

of brotherhood resonates with voters. It resonates with his own beliefs. And it answers the electorate's fear of the Labour Party, which he shares. Impelled, then. both by belief and insecurity, he itches to

broaden his political base beyond his parliamentary tribe. Whether by informal coalition, or by triggering a schism in the Labour Party and regrouping British politics around the Centre, he cannot say. But when he talks about "changing the face of British politics", he means it. Journalists have difficulty with people who mean it.

During the 1980s, when our century's titanic struggle between class interests seemed at last to be resolving itself in favour of the bourgeoisie. Blair surely caught a national mood of irritation with adversarial politics. Nobody who has caught a bus could miss it. It is the hankering after a new politics: the mood that spawned the SDP, and to which Oswald

Mosley once hoped he could appeal. There is no logical connection between Tony Blair and the Labour Party except that he leads it. His philosophical soulmates lie right outside the mainstream of party politics: Ben Pirnlott, Andrew Marr. Geoff Mulgan, Peter Hennessy, and the Australian who has become his unofficial chaplain, Peter Thomson. These are not party men. And Blair's yearning for a new kind of politics will have been bolstered by something further: the Christian half of the Christian Socialist equation. No reading of Blair's story can finish except with the suspicion that the Christian

part goes deeper.

Fleet Street has a problem handling this, David Icke could be dismissed as mad. Tony Blair is not mad, so what do we make of his early thoughts of entering the priesthood, his assessment of the Rev Peter Thomson as "spellbinding"? Newspapermen tend to shrug off such exoticisms as though they were bolt-on accessories to an otherwise conventional personality, rather than part of its engine. Sometimes we ignore the obvious, especially when it is hard to handle in the Press Gallery bar and the

obvious here is that faith is a wellspring of Tony Blair's life. Faith, insecurity and ambition: a potent cocktail throughout history. God has been good

to him. Selection for Sedgefield, when a closed shortlist was unexpectedly opened for the youthful unknown, came from the realms of the

politically supernatural. And if John Smith had not died just when he did, the next miraculous event would not have occurred. Now - John Major's potentially winning cards inexplicably dashed from his hand - the triptych of miracles is in place above the political altar. Like the Red Sea, the waters of public affairs have parted for this young man's passage. It will be dismissed as absurd to venture what follows, but it is ventured regardless: the thought must have crossed Tony Blair's mind that he is part of God's plan for Britain.

Two views, then, of Blair's and Ashdown's friendship: an unkind opinion held in the Press Gallery bar; and a fairytale view from the world of ideals. There is a fearsome possibility that the fairytale view is accurate. These men may really hope to break the mould of British politics.

If so, they are doomed. Has Tony Blair any idea of the furies that would await him should he, once installed, draw back from the role for which, grinding their teeth, his parliamentary tribe is striving to install him? To get there, each of those 350-odd Labour MPs will have fought and beaten candidates from the other parties. Some

nees do well

their dream team to lead the country, and win prizes if their nomi-

The Staggers claims that the idea, first outlined in their pages a week ago, was "conceived after an

original dinner". How odd then

that in the pages of The Times on

December 23, one of my rightish colleagues floated the idea for a

new political game called "Fanta-sy Cabinet" which invited readers

Despite newspaper allegations

about his relationship with the young homosexual Paul Stone.

Jerry Hayes, MP, looked fit when

he turned out at a memorial ser-

vice in London this week. "The

News of the World diet," he ex-

plained. "It's a very fast way to lose

draw up their ideal top-table 22.

of the most bitter battles will have been with Liberal Democrat rivals. Victorious Labour MPs will arrive at the Commons steeped in the blood of the hustings. When they enter, they will enter a place soaked in the bile of adversarial politics. Every memory, every rule, every unwritten phrase in the unwritten constitution

the very seating plan of the Chamber
itself — is infused with the spirit of tribe

and the habits of party.

Does Blair kid himself that his tribe wants him for anything beyond the prize it reckons he can then deliver them in that place? Hegemony: power, jobs, the grinding of rivals faces in the dirt this is the prize, this the reason why the Labour impi bite thier lips and carry Blair's spear. Should victory be followed by any kind of sharing of spoils with the enemy, their chief would not be forgiven.

They will never let him get away with it. The PLP will never. never touch electoral reform.

Once the Liberal Democrats realise this, Ashdown's party will start to give him serious trouble—especially be-yond Westminster, where, across swathes of Britain, Labour is the enemy. They will already be smarting from loss of seats through coalition talk. They are not in politics, delivering Focus in the rain, to rescue Labour leaders from their own extremists. The idea that their own leader would doff his cap and provide a rent-a-majority for a beleaguered Labour leader is anathema to them: fantasy from the realms of pure mathematics Blair cannot deliver electoral reform, and without it Ashdown cannot deliver his party. Tony Blair has about as much chance of usefully involving Liberal Democrats in the next government's policymaking as the Northern Ireland peace women have of forming a crosstribe Hutu-Tutsi Cabinet in Rwanda.

Ramsay MacDonald tried it. Oswald Mosley dreamt of it. Jo Grimond, Jererny Thorpe, David Steel talked about it. David Owen (in more ways than it is fashionable to remember a flawed prototype for Tony Blair: so much less substantial than he seemed) began it. You can't do it.

Perhaps the Labour leader does know this. Perhaps the bar is right: he plans only to use the Liberal Democrat leader to polevault him over the Scottish Parliament ditch, then betray them. If so, then trebles all round. Otherwise, prepare to carve the name Blair alongside those of MacDonald, Mosley, Owen and Jenkins on the cenotaph of those foolhardy souls fallen in the cause of a new politics for their country.

# Clinton's new sobriety

Bronwen Maddox

expects an older President to be wiser

t President Clinton's first inaugu-ration, Warren Beatty and Barbra Streisand were guests of honour, and the wide-eyed 30-year-olds whom he had hired as White House aides queued to give their first soundbites to the television cameras. The razzmatazz was the overture to a presidency which even in Mr Clinton's supporters' eyes was inconsistent, often naive, and achieved only modest steps towards its aims.

This year, the Clintons intend Mon-Inis year, me cumons intend Mon-day's celebration to be "simple", "ele-gant" and "less of a megillah", according to reports. And financially clean: the budget, although still above \$20 million, has been sharply cut, because corporate donations of more than \$100 each have been ruled out. The White House hopes that this sobriety will be the harbinger of a second term which leaves a clearer and more forceful legacy.

Those hopes are reasonable, provided that the President resists the indulgences of his first term. The charge against him on the evidence of the past four years is that he is a chameleon who likes to please everyone, and has surrounded himself with scandal while betraying

principles traditionally at the heart of the Democratic programme.

Dick Morris, Mr Clinton's now-disgraced political consultant, published memoirs this week which paint a portrait of a White House divining its policies by holding a mirror up each day to public opinion, and spending more on opinion polls than any previous

New Republic magazine, which uneasily endorsed Clinton in its election editorial, noted that "Few in America can be confident that a man so eager to please, and so routinely unable to distinguish those with a valid claim on his compassion from those without, will not make similar mistakes again." The mistakes, critics argue, are that he swung abruptly from "liberal" themes in the first two years, such as gays in the military, to co-opting Republicans tradi-tional themes after their triumph in the mid-term elections.

They also hold against him the collapse of the grandinse health-care reforms, the failure to do much about dismal educational standards, and the signing of the harsh Republican-backed Welfare Bill. In summary, they say, the poorest have suffered most while the middle class has been untouched.

These criticisms have force. And yet, there are solid achievements from the first term which are likely to form the main themes of the second term and the core of Mr Clinton's legacy. In retrospect, despite oscillating over individual policies, Mr Clinton has adhered consisently, since he ran for the governorship of Arkansas, to one political philosophy: a fiscally conservative brand of Democratic politics. While socially liberal, he has kept the totems of permissive liberalism such as gay rights and abortion rights at arm's length.

n his first term, he pursued an outward-looking foreign policy, despite the isolationist instincts of many in both parties. His success in clinching the Gatt and North American Free Trade Agreement pacts may eventually be judged one of his most valuable achievements.

In the next four years, these characteristics - a concern for the poorest, tempered by a wish to curb spending, and a willingness to engage with the world — are likely to be more pronounced. The domestic arena will be dominated by two main themes: education and balancing the budget. One of Mr Clinton's main campaign pledges was to allow college fees to be offset against tax.

At the same time, the White House foreign policy team, now under the leadership of Madeleine Albright, has shown a determination to remain engaged in distant conflicts despite the uncertainty of their outcomes. In the treatment of both Ireland and the Middle East, the White House shows a growing sophistication and a willingness to play the part of dispassionate broker, pressing Siren Fein and the Israeli Government towards dialogue with their opponents.

By building on these strengths, Mr Clinton may achieve a further goal: the lasting rehabilitation of the Democratic Party into an electable party of the centre. According to George Stephanopolous, the senior Clinton adviser who is leaving Washington for academia and the media, "It is not unlike what Tony Blair is trying to do in Britain -smashing the myth of an ultra-liberal, ultra-permissive party, and endorsing the notion of personal responsibility. Democrats for too long were hostage to interest groups and did not speak to the broad middle class".

It would be wrong to expect grand, controversial reforms from Mr Climon. Even if they were in his character, which they are not, congressional opposition and lack of time would almost certainly frustrate them. Like Tony Blair, he is likely to duck the main challenge facing his country: wearing the middle class off the social security and medical entitle ments which underpin its current star-.

dard of living.
But even if Mr Clinton's legacy is one of small reforms, he may still prove to have succeeded in a crucial task: restoring public confidence that government has a role in improving people's lives without being financially profigate. Despite the scandals swirling around the President, voters evidently found that principle credible enough to P·H·S | found that principle credible en

Hey — diet

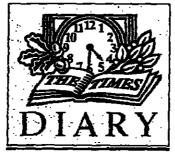
with her mum's genes," she said in an interview. "She's only eight, for Weight Watchers, has put her daughter Princess Beatrice on a but she definitely can pack it on diet. In Argentina last week, while visiting her mother, the Duchess So the little princess is on short was supervising a children's commons for a while. She has swim when she noticed that Prinbeen told that from now on it is 'no bread, and no more fizzy drinks — only water". The duchess added: "I cess B was looking "a bit chunky" in her swimming togs. "I very told her, Today, for lunch, forget about the quiche. Instead have chicken. And pick fruit, not chips." It worked. She did it. But it was because she herself wanted to. Poor baby. I think overeating sort

### Good Deedes

of runs in the family."

much fear that Beatrice is blessed

JEREMY DEEDES, the managing editor of The Daily Telegraph. stands accused of penny-pinching after dispatching his father Lord Deedes, 83, to Angola to cover the Princess of Wales's visit for the newspaper. Lord Deedes, old Africa hand and the model for Evelyn Waugh's Boot of The Beast in his novel Scoop, travelled economy class with Air Gabon. "You could say it's down to the mean-



ness of his son," said Deedes fils, but Boot of The Beast makes his own arrangements. Remember he is a catcher of buses, not taxis."

### Old news

WHEN Lord Wyatt of Weeford sat on the panel of judges for the Oldie of the Year Awards a couple of years ago, he put his oar in at every opportunity for Cilla Black. but she failed to make the shortlist. Among judges this year. Sir Ludovic Kennedy has been batting for Ernie Wise but he hasn't made it either. Last on the dancellour for 1997 are Barbara Castle. 86. for her campaigns on behalf of pensioners: Lord Runcie, 75, for revelations in The Times about the Royal Family and about gay vicars; Sir Alec Guinness, 82, for his

diaries; and June Whitfield, 71, for sitcoms. Result next month.

### Team work

NEW LABOUR may have made a practice of stealing Conservative clothes, but now there is disturbing evidence of Tory transvestitism from the Blairite press. The latest issue of the New Statesmar invites entries for "Fantasy Polines", an exercise in competitive Cabinet-making where the magazine's readers (both of them) select



'It is turning pear-shaped

No prizes

weight".

AFTER 33 years, Ian Fleming's lamily are back in control of the James Bond books. Fleming's nieces Kate and Lucy have bought back a 51 per cent stake of Glidrose, the company that owns the copyrights. Their uncle sold it to the Booker Group in 1963 to lower his tax burden, leaving his family with the remaining 49 per cent.

Fleming's widow, Ann, took

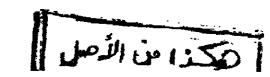


Lucy Fleming: Bond girl

against Booker and its chairman the late Lord Campbell of Eskan personally and the profits Booker made from the books. She was so virulent in her attacks that Campbell considered suing her for defamation.

The original deal was more civilised. Ian Fleming was playing a round of golf with Campbell when he turned to him in mid-swing and asked "Jock, would you like to buy





# THE TIMES

THE MASTERS NOW

Readers and writers in this season of the polls

the Saturnalian season", the time at which the unruly voters of Britain could look forward to being rulers for a day. Two hundred years later our computer driven party politics may seem often dull and bland; the campaign may seem endless, the campaigners' claims casuist and cautious by turn; but a democratic election remains a great and dangerous thing. It is an opportunity to be swayed by appeals and bribes; but it is also a chance to think ourselves into the minds of those who rule us. This election in particular demands an imaginative adjustment of mind - and it should get it from us all.

The Saturnalia was a Roman festival of free speech and gambling in which society's roles were reversed; the gentlemen served the servants, the matrons their maids. Everyone knew that at some time the party had to end. But for all sides it was an opportunity to half-be the other. A modern election campaign has many mad Saturnalian aspects. But it too is a time to see decisions from the other side.

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Every voter can think in the coming months how he or she might have dealt with the events which so bamboozled their leaders. Those who feel themselves forever commanded by political masters can themselves become a kind of master: those who find few opportunities for individual expression can on polling day express themselves in the way that matters most. The vote may be inadequate. The results may be disappointing. The relief from a sense of misrule, whoever wins, may be only temporary. But unless we fully seize our opportunity, we are all unworthy of it.

The task of The Times in this season is to identify those who seem to us to best serve the broadest interests of Britain, to match most closely the shifting contours of this country. For three years we have watched Messrs Major, Blair and Ashdown struggle with events and each other. We have seen the Labour Party fall under its leader's heel and the Conservative Party come close to collapse over its leader's head. We have witnessed words and actions good and had

from every House of Commons' aisle. In this Saturnalian time we will continue to stand back and describe the acts of our elected rulers. But we must also attempt. a more seasonal act of imagination.

During the coming weeks our team of political reporters will describe what they see and hear without favour; that is their training and their best tradition. Our analysts will seek out the coherence and the lack of it in the speeches and policy papers that will daily pour forth. Our columnists and our letter-writers will deliver their own different views; and the opposite page will include a proper range of all

opinion. We promise that no other newspaper will strive so hard for the balance that shows our business at its best. When election day arrives, our readers will be able to look down on their rulers and freely and informedly judge them.

Saturnalian opportunity for all

But the Editor must also use his imagination of what the various alternative governments would be like and which result would be best. How sincere are their members' present promises, how capable are they of carrying out their claims, what will be the impact of victory and what of defeat? There is a tradition that at the end of this crazy season The Times makes its own judgment has to what individuals and which party should be elected.

It is in our nature to represent regularly no interest, no politician and no party. We consider the description of events for the verdict of our readers as a task of far greater import and responsibility than that of giving our own verdict. But at the season's end we will give a verdict.

To judge by opinion polls, about half our readers will disagree with whatever decision we reach. Those readers should at least know, however, that, unlike many other newspapers, we have not reached our verdict in advance. If The Daily Telegraph does not put its forces behind a Conservative. victory, and if The Guardian and The Independent do not hold open the Downing Street door for Mr Blair, then we will declare black to be white and the Saturnalia in permanent session. Our own judgment awaits the work of the campaign.

What means of judgment should we use? In recent elections we have supported the Conservative Party. We did so with enthusiasm when Margaret Thatcher had both identified what needed to be done for Britain and shown the courage and skill to lead her party into doing it. We supported the Conservatives more reluctantly under John Major when both purpose and prowess were less clear. Today we see a governing party Whose claims to be conservative are loud but whose leadership is weak and whose internal coherence is severely wanting. Its credentials for a fifth term in office require testing to the utmost.

We expect little purity of purpose from the manifestos which either Mr Major or Mr

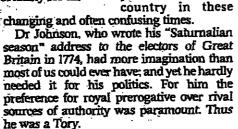
AMUEL JOHNSON called this Blair will present to the country. This is not an election season in which the choice is stark. The Conservatives do not present themselves as radical reducers of the welfare state: a reelected administration would not be ruthlessly determined to lower taxation and spending, still less to demand a fundamental renegotiation of our relations with the European Union. A new Labour government would not make substantial extensions to welfare; it would not raise taxes to previous heights and would not make "more spending" its watchword in action; its policy towards the EU is marked by many of the same evasions that we face from the Conservatives today.

It would be surprising if the details of Mr Major's manifesto did not please us more than that of Mr Blair, Mr Major is likely to be more persuasive in his opposition to Franco-German plans for Europe, Mr Blair leads a party that, from the end of "opt-outs" to the introduction of the "social chapter", is always too trusting of those plans. Mr Blair still has the opportunity to clarify his scepticism towards rapid irrevocable shifts in Britain's relationship with the Continent. His responses on this issue over the coming weeks - and the responses of his senior colleagues - are certain to weigh heavily here. Yet there is always more to being a conservative than claiming the name. Affairs around us are not so universally good that we will automatically endorse the politicians who want the least change.

This country is changing: it has responsibilities to itself, its neighbours and partners in a world which is changing rapidly. We are cautious towards Labour's constitutional ambitions, rather more so on Scottish devolution than on the removal of voting rights from hereditary peers. The test will be whether we judge Labour's plans and planning to be in overall harmony with the country as it is; or whether they are alien imports for insincere ends.

Both main parties share similar patterns of policy-making; they have their leaders, their leaders' offices and advisers, their much-reduced parliamentary and party structures and a growing reliance on using public opinion to control internal dissent. But they are in dif-

ferent stages of development. Mr Major is a Prime Minister whom we know well; but he heads an illdisciplined, incoherent party which we can scarcely recognise from the one that Lady Inaiche once commanded. Mr Blair would be an unknown prime minister leading a party which, with our longstanding support, he has ruthlessly shaped in his own image. Labour's momentum of change has not yet ceased. The necessary next phase of Conservative change has yet to begin. We will seek to identify the party leader who best matches the temper of this cautious



This term so changed its meaning in the years thereafter that he would hardly have recognised himself in his successors a few decades later, still less so today. When commentators jest that the Labour leader may now be the best Tory we have, they are not blazing any new linguistic path. Tony Blair may yet persuade us and others that he best understands the temper of the country. He or his successors may yet quietly claim the "conservative" title.

ERE DR JOHNSON to return to Britain in 1997, he would have to think again about his Saturnalia. Masters and servants are not what they were. We are all voters, and masters, now. Yet, as in 1774, he would have smelt out the eternal dangers of deceit and cant, berating once again those politicians who "are vehement and clamorous only that they may be sooner hired to be silent". He would have sniffed out the slightest hints of republicanism: "a man may hate his king, yet not love his country". He would have distrusted people of both parties for promising "to endeavour what he knows his endeavours unable to effect". He would have run foul of every modern adviser with his remarks about the factious and inconstant multitude. Now, as then, he would have searched for and praised the "true patriot".

At the very end of it all, he would have been surely enthused - as so many other great Britons of the past would have been enthused - by the possibilities of engaging in this election season. The way ahead is not as clear as he once saw it or as we would like to see it now. All the greater then is the need for the most balanced reporting, the most independent analysis and the most imaginative engagement. And that, with the help of our readers and writers, we will provide to the full extent of our power.

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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real success" but offer scant evidence.

to-point fares available on the nat-

ional system and franchising has so

far seen a tiny number (about 100)

new ones introduced, and those large-

ly to/from London, Under BR, return

fares between London and Edinburgh

ranged from £34 to £196; since privati-

sation they are £29 to £199. Is a mere

£5 off one heavily restricted fare what

you term a "more flexible fare struc-

Against this must be placed a loss of

benefits: the National Routeing

Guide now offers passengers less

choice; some facilities, such as the all-

line rover ticket, are totally un-

advertised because operators cannot

agree how to split the cost; and the

world-famous InterCity brand is as

good as dead. Most important of all,

the cost to the taxpayer has temporar-

ily risen and will only fall if the

reduced subsidy levels which op-erators have said they will require

The late Robert Adley, MP, was

indeed right when he predicted, shortly before his death in 1993, it

would be a poll-tax on wheels.

(Public transport consultant),

turn out to be achievable.

Yours faithfully,

BARRY S. DOE

Moordown.

January 13.

25 Newmorton Road.

Bournemouth, Dorset.

From Mr Steve McCombe

various other companies.

complaints as well.

daily journey.

Yours faithfully,

January 13.

STEVE McCOMBE,

10 Tennyson Road,

Sir, I cannot agree with your leader

writer that rail privatisation has proved a modest but real success.

For my journey to and from work in

Cardiff the services are run by two

separate companies in trains leased

from a third company running on

tracks owned by a fourth company

which are maintained by a fifth, with

support services being operated by

My complaints are dealt with in a

reasonably courteous manner, but it

is easy for the operating company to

blame one or more of the others for

the delays caused to services. I am

surprised that moves have not been

made to privatise all passengers'

There have been no discernible im-

provements to services and no

changes have been made to the fare

structure to generate real competition

between the two companies operating

on the Bath to Bristol section of my

In my view we no longer have a na-

tional network or national services.

Lower Weston, Bath, Somerset.

There are around 40 million point-

### 'Obfuscation' over Gulf War illness

From the Countess of Mar

Sir, The credit for any success in perstunding the Ministry of Defence to admit to the use of organophosphates in the vicinity of British troops who served in the Gulf should be attributed not to myself or to Members of Parliament (letters, December 28, January 1) but to the determined and persistent members of Her Maiesty's Armed Forces, many of whom are very sick, who have thoroughly researched all aspects of the so-called "syndrome" and have ensured that those of us in the Palace of Westminster who have shown an interest are kept informed of all new developments.

The results of the research conducted by doctors at the UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas, published in the January 15 edition of The Jour-nal of the American Medical Association, indicate that there is a Gulf War syndrome suffered by some Gulf veterans and that the illness is caused by wartime exposure to combinations of low-level nerve agents and other common chemicals.

It is significant that those who advise the British Government on the illness suffered by both Gulf veterans and farmers who have been exposed to organophosphate sheep dips, of whom I am one, appear not to have considered the fact that what they are faced with is not psychologically induced illness or some manifestation of known illness, but new disease.

There are many factors which are common to both groups. Until there is a thorough clinical evaluation from which a scientific framework of signs and symptoms can be developed, it is unlikely that epidemiological studies will tell us much more than we already know.

To the cynical, the government reliance upon epidemiology is merely a means of delaying the day of reckoning. We should all now be pressing the Government to commission immediately clinical studies on classical lines to enable all those, whether they be farmers or men and women who served in the Gulf, who believe their illness is as a result of exposure to organophosphates in combination with other chemicals to receive a proper diagnosis; for methods of treatment to be devised, and for the victims to be appropriately compensated.

The time for objuscation and procrastination is past.

Yours faithfully, MAR House of Lords. January 14.

### Winter swims

From Mr Cyril Wood

Sir, Dr Thomas Stuttaford states (article, January 2) that "Mid-winter Serpentine bathers should either be certain that they are free of heart disease, or leave charity fundraising to oth-

By agreement with the Royal Parks Agency the only people allowed to swim in the Serpentine during the winter months are members of the Serpentine Swimming Club, founded in 1864, which holds races every Saturday morning of the year at 8am.

In my experience no member has ever swum in order to raise money for charity. Our tradition is simply to race

Yours faithfully. CYRIL WOOD (President, Serpentine Swimming Club), 45 Thistledene, Thames Ditton, Surrey. January 8.

### Honours due

From Mr George Greenfield

Sir, So Dr Desmond Flower has died (obituary, January 8); a fine publisher and a man of culture. He slipped into retirement over 20 years ago without the knighthood he well deserved. And so in their time have Jonathan Cape. André Deutsch, Robin Denniston. Gordon Graham, Hamish Hamilton. Paul Hodder-Williams, Jock Murray. Paul Scherer and others.

All of them earned the country large amounts of foreign currency through their export sales and spread the

image of Britain worldwide.

PR men get the accolade — and better, God bless us - as do pop singers, pop composers and pop lyricists. Why have postwar governments and their honours and awards committees signally failed (with the notable excep-tions of Sir William Collins and Harold Wilson's friend, George Weidenfeld) to honour those distinguished exponents of our home-bred culture, the leading publishers, male and female?

Yours faithfully. GEORGE GREENFIELD. 20 Well Road, Hampstead, NW3. January 8.

### Odds even

From Dr John Burscough

Sir, How on earth would one decide whom to cheer for in an altercation involving Max Clifford, Derek Hatton and Robert Kilroy-Silk (report, January 14)?

Yours faithfully JOHN BURSCOUGH, Woodland View. Melton Road, Wrawby, Brigg, North Lincolnshire. January 14.

### Quality of privatised rail assessed

From Sir George Young, Secretary of State for Transport

Sir. The recent discussion of the share prices of privatised rail companies and franchised operators (report and article, January 7) risks obscuring the dramatic success of the Government's policy for the railways, on which I was glad to note the positive comments in your leading article of January 13.

Less than a year after the first pas-senger franchises passed to private operators, there has already been a significant improvement in quality, coupled with investment commitments to raise standards still higher over the coming years. Of the 18 franchises awarded to date, not one is running fewer services than before, and two thirds of them are running more. These operators are also pledged to a major investment programme to re-place and refurbish existing stock, which, we calculate, will involve them spending a billion pounds over ten

Increases in key fares are also capped at the rate of inflation for the first three years, and at I per cent below inflation for the four years after that. But perhaps the most remarkable indicator of all is that privatisation is also set to save the taxpaver money. After seven years, the subsidy for the first 18 will be less than one third of what British Rail required before privatisation. That represents extraordinary value for money.

Changes in the share prices of privatised companies, such as the rolling-stock leasing company, Porterbrook, which was sold at the very start of the process, are relevant only to the extent that they reflect growing public and market confidence in the prospects for the railway.

Similarly, the share prices of companies set up to bid for passenger franchises have nothing to do with delivery value for the taxpayer. That has been achieved by selling franchises in a way that maximises the competition for the right to operate

The above will amply demonstrate to your readers how the Government has succeeded in combining improved value for the taxpayer with guaranteed and continuing improvements in service quality for the rail passenger. This achievement is as remarkable as it will be lasting.

Yours faithfully. GEORGE YOUNG. Department of Transport. Great Minster House, 76 Marsham Street, SWI. January 13.

From Mr Barry S. Doe

Family assets

family.

From Mr William T. Hutton

Sir, In your leader today, "Going Underground", you say that rail privatisation has proved a "modest but

Then how does he reconcile this ad-

the family no longer owns any of the

car industry to which he refers and

that the utilities seem also to be disap-

Nor can I see how there will be any

silver left to be transferred to Brussels

by the time it has been dispersed out-

side the family. Does this also make

pearing from the family's reach?

one a family-sceptic?

8 Sutherland Avenue,

reignty to "Europe".

PEARSON of RANNOCH.

Yours sincerely.

January 10.

52 Minories, EC3.

Water buffalo

From Mr Derek Headly

Petts Wood, Orpington, Kent.

From Lord Pearson of Rannoch

Sir, John Redwood is wrong to sug-

gest that we are giving away our sov-

We are paying our European com-petitors billions a year to take it.

Sir, Mr Martin Nicol is wrong in re-

ferring to the sladang as a water buf-

falo (letter, January 13). It is a wild ox,

Bos gaurus or the Indian Gaur. The

Malayan subspecies is Bos gaurus

hubbacus, called "sladang" in Malay.

I believe there is still a healthy herd in

the Malayan forest. I am sure no slad-

Sladang only charged if wounded.

badly frightened or to protect their

calves. When they did so, the bull had

a take-off from a standing start com-

parable to a polo pony, despite his

very considerable bulk (withers 5ft bin

or 6h). He is one of the noblest and

most beautiful big game animals in

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daytime telephone number. They

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the world, a true thoroughbred.

ang has ever been domesticated.

Yours faithfully. W. T. HUTTON,

January 9.

### A chorus line?

From Mr Robert Alcock

Sir. Mr Jeremy Baker (letter. January Sir, Mr John Redwood (letter, Janu-II) was perhaps still in the party spirit when he suggested dancing on the Greenwich Meridian on New Year's ary 9) writes about the advantages of returning the family silver to the family, to use it better than the State used it. This sounds a fine principle Eve, 1999, so that "for a brief moment, so long as it remains within the family we could have one half of our body in - presumably he means a British the second millennium and the other half in the third."

The problem is that both sides of the mirable notion with the sad fact that meridian are actually in the same time zone, and to cut Mr Baker's chronological caper you'd have to go quite some distance; the nearest point to the British Isles where you can

straddle two time zones on land is the border of Hungary (GMT+1) and Ro-mania (GMT+2) near the town of Szeged, some 1,000 miles from Greenwich as winged time flies. However, if you made the trip, you would be rewarded with not just a moment, but a whole hour of temporary

trans-millennial terpsichore. Go a bit further, to the border of, say, Ukraine (GMT+3) with Hungary, and you could be between millennia for two hours. Forget the conga; you could put on an entire ballet, though rather awkwardly the performers would all have to remain in a straight line. Per haps the Millennium Fund should commission a piece specially.

Yours faithfully, ROBERT ALCOCK, 18 Portland Place, Learnington Spa, Warwickshire.

I do not think that there were ever

any wild water buffalo in Malaya.

Those used by east-coast Malay far-mers were all draught animals. The

Wild Cape buffaloes are indigenous in

South Africa - and, I believe, truly

All buffaloes spend much of the day

in stinking mud wallows. The sladang

would never ever go near a wallow.

Goosenford, Cheddon Fitzpaine.

Yours sincerely.

Taunton, Somerset.

D. HEADLY

January 13.

### Human cost of landmine legacy

From Professor Emeritus George Murdoch

Sir. While landmines do kill (reports, January 14, 15) they are designed primarily to main. Some destroy the sex-ual organs as well as the legs. The effect of their use is the main-

ing of more than a million persons worldwide, a number that is increasing by the day. Huge tracts of land are mined and cannot be farmed, with harsh economic results. The removal of each landmine requires painstaking effort and is costly and time consuming. The surgery requires skill and an understanding of the limb replacement, the prosthesis. The pros-thetist (limb fitter) requires a minimum of 20 months' training (four years in the United Kingdom). Each amputee requires continuing lifetime care. The educational, human and financial resource required is clearly co-

I believe it is our duty to persuade the Government to pursue a policy of a total ban on landmines and to do what it can to stop America, Russia, China, South Korea and I suspect others making and exporting these obscene devices.

Yours faithfully, GEORGE MURDOCH (President, the International Society for Prosthetics and Orthotics, 1977-80). Middle Church, Flat C. 6 Tay Street, Perth. January 15.

### Fenced commons

From Professor Jay Appleton

Sir, Jill Parkin gives a fair account of the rival interests of the opposing lobbies in the fencing of heath commons (Weekend, January 11). If it were simply butterflies and beetles versus landscape we should be able to choose sides according to our own priorities. The landscape lobby, however, has a real problem, because either policy, fencing or not fencing, will have visual implications.

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The intrusion of a fence in landscape such as Stedham Common, Sussex, which you illustrate, really is visually damaging. Some 300 years ago our ancestors invented a technique for dealing with such impediment hazard, as I have termed it. It was the ha-ha, or sunken fence.

I do not suggest that the ha-ha is the solution for our present problem, but our ancestors would not have been prepared to go to the great expense of constructing such things if they had not been aware of the importance of retaining an impression, however illusory, of uninterrupted open space.

Yours faithfully, JAY APPLETON (author, The Experience of Landscape). 39 Hull Road. Cottingham, East Yorkshire. January 12

### Retreat from Kabul

From Mrs Lesley Wynne-Davies

Sir, Dr William Brydon was not the only survivor of the retreat from Kabul in 1842 (report, January 14). For the last five years the Friends of the Public Record Office have been indexing documents of British soldiers discharged before 1854. In the course

of this one of our volunteers, Mr A. W.

Elliott, came upon the papers of John

Marshall, who served in the 44th Regiment of Foot from 1838 to 1843. His medical report on discharge, signed by J. Robertson, MD, surgeon of the 13th Regiment, reads: On the retreat of the Army from Cabool re-ceived a Gunshot wound in the wrist at the Khoord Cabul pass and in the harrier at the Jugdullock pass was wounded and stript and left exposed to the severe cold which was followed by sphacelus of a portion of the right foot and the loss of the toes of the

left, by which he is rendered unfit for the duties of a soldier. Not only did Marshall survive the retreat from Kabul, he also put in a claim for his back pay and clothing.

Yours faithfully. LESLEY WYNNE-DAVIES (Volunteers' Co-ordinator, Friends of the Public Record Office), Public Record Office. Ruskin Avenue, Kew, Surrey. January 14.

ter to our recent weather, but I have

### Dorchester, Dorset.

### (Malayan Civil Service, 1931-57).

From Mr Terence Parsons Sir, The military training value of imported water buffalo is likely to fall short of Mr Martin Nicol's expections. since the buffalo (Bubalus bubalis) is called "kerbau" in Malay, a word which, if applied to a person, suggests

that he is a clumsy oat. The domesticated kerbau was found in every Malay village, often docile under the control of a small child but uncertain of temper if approached by a European.

The Italian breeds should adapt bet-

higher hopes of their cheese than of their meat, judging by my memories of the gastronomic qualities of their Malayan cousins. Yours etc.

TERENCE PARSONS, 31a Herringston Road, January 13.

### From Mr Peter Bayley

Sir, Before everyone gets too excited about the idea of farming water buffalo - endearing beasts - let it be said that no soldier who served in the Far East during the war will have any but the most dejected reaction to the idea. And I don't think it was army cooking that was chiefly responsible for those greyish, tough, intractable substances that only the brown kites. which snatched them from our tin plates as we carried them from the cooking-fires, seemed to like.

Yours sincerely, P. C. BAYLEY, 63 Oxford Street. Woodstock, Oxford, January 13.



### **COURT CIRCULAR**

**BUCKINGHAM PALACE** January 16: The Princess Royal today visited Manchester and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Greater Manchester

(Colonel John Timmins). Her Royal Highness, Patron, National Association of Victims Support Schemes, this morning

Manchester Crown Court The Princess Royal, President, The Princess Royal Trust for Carers, later attended a Fund-raising Luncheon given by the High Master of Manchester Grammar School. Her Royal Highness, President, Save the Children Fund, this afternoon visited the Fund's Shop at 5 School Lane, Didsbury

### Today's royal engagements

The Princess Royal, as Patron of The Home Farm Trust, will visit schemes at Old Quarries, Avening, Tetbury, Gloucestershire, at 10.30 and Frocester Manor, Stonehouse, at 12.40. She will visit the Stonehouse Community Centre, Laburnum Walk, Stonehouse, at 11.40: as Patron of the National Association of Citizens Advice Bureaux, will open the Cheltenham bureau at 14 Royal Crescent at 2.10. Later, she will attend an evening at The Roses Theatre to mark its 21st bury. at 7.25

Memorial service Mr Alan Beresford Cook A memorial service for Mr Alan Beresford Cook, Assistant Master, Housemaster and Surmaster of St Paul's School 1929-1964, was held yesterday in the school chapel. The Rev A.H. Mead, Chaplain Emer-itus, officiated and the Rev S.E. Young, Chaplain, pronounced the

Mr R.S. Baldock, High Master, and Mr Basil Moss, Old Pauline Club, read the lessons. Mr John Allport, Old Pauline Club, gave an

Mr C.J. Cook, Mr R.B. Cook, Mr J.L. Cook. Mrs M. Ravenscroft: Lord McColl of Dulwich, Mr Kenneth Baker, CH, MP, Sir Keith Ross, Sir Anthony Grant, MP, Mr R P Withers Green (representing the governors of the school), many other former colleagues, pupils and friends were among those

### Woolmen's Company

The following have been elected officers of the Woolmen's Company for the ensuing year: Master, Mr Rex S. Johnson; Upper Warden, Mr Paul H. Rippon, Under Warden, Mr Peter F. Valpy.

### Luncheon

HM Government Mr Jeremy Hanley, Minister of State for Foreign and Common-wealth Affairs, was the host at a hancheon held vesterday at Lancaster House to bid farewell to Mr Gian Enzhu, Ambassador of

Guild of Freemen of the City

Vice-Admiral Sir Peter Buchanan

Master of the Guild of Freemen of

the City of London, accompanies

by Lady Buchanan, presided at a Scottish dinner held last night at

the Caledonian Club. Mr Colin

Buchanan, chairman of the club.

and Mr Alex Wilson, vice-presi-

Mr David G. Thomas, Master of

the Marketors' Company, pre-sided at the installation dinner

dent, also spoke.

Marketors' Company

### Birthdays today

Mr Muhammad Ali, boxer, 55; Sir William Benyon, farmer, 67; Sir John Boyd, Master, Churchill College, Cambridge, bl; Sir Malcolm Chaplin, chartered surveyor, 63; Sir Michael Clapham, former chairman, IMI, 85; Sir Mervyn Davies, former High Court judge, 79; Sir Edward Fennessy, radar pioneer, 85; Mrs Monica Furlong, writer, 67; Mr Neil W. Gamble, writer, 67; Mr Neil W. Gamble, Headmaster, Exeter School, 54; Mr Paul Howell, former MEP, 46; Mr James Earl Jones, actor, 66; Mr James Earl Jones, actor. 60; Mr Anthony Kenney, obstetrician and gynaecologist, 55; the Right Rev Nigel McCulloch, Bishop of Wakefield, 55; Mr Ken Minton, chairman, John Mowlem and Company, 60; Sir Geoffrey Pattie, MP, 61; Professor W.B. Robertson, bitto enthelesis. 71: Mr. Videl. histo-pathologist. 74: Mr Vidal Sassoon, hair stylist, 69; Miss Moira Shearer, ballerina. 71; Mr Denis Tunnicliffe, managing director, London Underground 54: Sir Clyde Walcott, KA, crick eter, 71: Dr Gillian Weir, organist, 56; Mr Paul Young, singer, 41.

### Service dinner

HMS Victory Mr Michael Portillo, Secretary of State for Defence, was the host at a working dinner held onboard HMS Victory in Portsmouth last night. Admiral Sir Michael Boyce. second Sea Lord and Commanderin-Chief Naval Home Command. presided. Among others present

were:
The President of Poland, the American Secretary of Defence, the Danish Minister of Defence, the Chairman of the Nato Milliary Committee, the Supreme Allied Commander Europe, the Chief of the Defence Staff for the French Armed Forces and other senior American and British personnel.

### Rannoch School, Perthshire

The Governors of Rannoch School announce the appointment of Dr John Halliday, at present Director of the Middle School at Sedbergh School, Cumbria, as Headmaster from September 1, 1997, on the retirement of Mr Michael Barratt.

### Appointment

**Dinners** 

Mr David Lloyd to be Ambassador to Slovenia from next month in succession to Mr Gordon Johnston who is moving to a new Diplomatic Service



Billy J. Kramer and Gerry Marsden, right, standing by a statue of John Lennon and the Cavern Wall of Fame

### Cavern Club sweats it out for 40 years

By Russell Jenkins

WHEN the trad jazz musicians met the Merseybeat rock'n'rollers yesterday to celebrate the Liverpool Cavern Club's 40th birthday, it was the sweat they remembered most of all — buckets of it.

Towards the end of particularly successful nights, con-densation would flow down the bare brick walls of the Mathew Street cellar in rivulets. Office girls who popped in to see their mop-top heroes preferred to dance around their handbags rather than lean against the walls.

In those days John, Paul, Ringo and George shared the tiny stage with Cilla Black, Billy J. Kramer and the Dakotas and Gerry and the Pacemakers. Yesterday the hands were different - with names like Up and Running. Status Quid and The Klubs but the sweat remains the

Gerry Marsden and Billy J. Kramer, flown in from New York for the occasion, turned up to unveil the commemorative Cavern Wall of Fame, a wall of 1,101 bricks each carrying the name of a band who had appeared live in the

club. It puts Freddie and the Dreamers alongside the Rolling Stones and other rock

luminaries like Eric Clapton. The crowd blocking the dingy alleyway, many of them Merseybeat veterans with straggly locks hanging down from bald pates, were entertained by the original members of the Merseysippi Jazz Band, one of three trad jazz bands who played at the club's opening night. Gerry Marsden, leader of

the Pacemakers, paid his own tribute to the club that spawned the Beatles. "The Cavern was a dirty, horrible, smelly little cellar that stank of sweat and Dettol but it was a second home to us. Who would have thought all those years ago the Cavern would become the most famous club in the world."

George Meily, the jazz singer, recalled his Sunday night gigs in the late 1950s. A little known band led by John Lennon and Paul McCartney once filled in during his break. He missed them in his rush to get to the Grapes public house opposite. "John, of course, hated trad

BIRTHS: Leonard Fuchs, phy-

sician and botanist, Wembdingen,

Germany, 1501; Pedro Calderón de

Back to the Sixties: The Beatles on stage at the Cavern in the days when even the walls perspired

jazz," said Mr Melly, who was wearing a purple suit. "I once asked him why and be said 'Because it got in my way.' I suppose it did but only

for a few seconds." None of the surviving Beatles turned up. However, John Lennon lookalike Gary Gibson, swanned around giving television interviews in a sal twang. Billy J Kramer, his quiff now hanging in a limp dyed fringe, was handing out his own publici-

ty material John Lennon was a mate.

great guy. I once told him that he was playing a cool guitar. He said 'Here you can play it

if you want." The Cavern is at the centre of an attempt to market Liverpool for tourism. A statue of John Lennon was unveiled in Mathew Street

yesterday. Cavern City Tours, owners of the Cavern, aim to open a Beatles theme hotel on the corner of the street called Hard Day's Night. Costing up to £4 million it is planned to open in time for the he remembers. "He was a Cavern's millennium party."

### **Anniversaries**

Co Waterford, 1811; August Weis-mann, geneticist, Frankfurt am Main, 1834; David Lloyd George, lst Earl Lloyd George of Dwylor, Prime Minister 1916-22, Manchester, 1863; Konstantin Stanislavsky, co-founder of the Moscow Art Theatre, Moscow, 1863; David Beatty, 1st Earl Beatty, Admiral of the Fleet, Nantwich, Cheshire, 1871; Mack Sennett, film producer and creator of the Kevstone Cops. Richmond. Quebec, 1880: Sir Compton Mackenzie, novelist, West Hartlepool, 1883; Ronald Firbank, novelist, London,

Society of Psychical Research, Rome, 1901; Sir Francis Galton, explorer and anthropologis Haslemere, Surrey, 1911; T.H. White, novelist, Piraeus, Greece, 1964 Cantain Cook's Resolution crossed the Antarctic Circle, the first ship to do so, 1773.

Black Noticy, Essex, 1705: Ruther-ford B. Hayes, 19th American President 1877-81, Fremont, Ohio.

1893; Charles Marie de Lisle, poet, Paris, 1894; Frederic William My-

ers, poet and co-founder of the

The BBC introduced breakfast

### Forthcoming marriages

Mr J.S. Curtis and Miss L.K. Belto The engagement is announced between James, second son of Mr and Mrs Sam Curtis, of Bowdon, Cheshire, and Lucy, daughter of Mr and Mrs David Betton, of Hale Cheshire

HOWARD BARLOW

Mr M.A. Frears and Miss L.M. Donald The engagement is announced between Michael Alexander, ekler son of Mr and Mrs Thomas Clarke Soriol Will all the Stated, West Sussex, and Lesley Margaret, youngest daughter of Mrs Jane Donald and the late Mr Anthony Donald, of Milngavie, Glasgow.

Mr H.A.T. Gell
and Mevrouw A.A. Bargneter
The engagement is announced
between Hugo, son of Major
Anthony Gell, of Enville,
Worcestershire, and Mrs David
Johnson, of Chartley, Staffordshire, and Meanury Christian Mr H.A.T. Gell Heer and Mevrouw Christiaan Bargpeter, of The Hague, Holland Mr N.G. Heaton and Miss S.C. Moussey

The engagement is announced between Nicholas, youngest son of Mrs Eric Heaton and the late the Rev Dr Eric Heaton, of Elsfield, Oxford, and Sarah, eldest daughter of Mr Simon Mounsey and the late Mrs Simon Mounsey, of Piltdown, East Sussex. Mr M.A. Pasternack

and Miss K.A. Hodgeton The engagement is announced between Marc Andrew, son of Mrs Gisela Pasternack and the late Mr Howard Pasternack and the face with Howard Pasternack, of East Sheen, London, and Katie Ann, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs David Hodgeton, of Willingdon, East Sussex

mr A.M. Ross
and Miss C.A. Same
The engagement is announced between Atticus Matthew, eldest son of Ian and Bunty Ross, of Kelfield Gardens, West London, and Claudia Aviva, daughter of Michael Sarne, of Notting Hill Gate, West London, and Tania Gordon, of St Helen's Gardens,

West London

Mr D.M. Hedger and Miss L.C. Fawcett

The engagement is announced between David, son of Mr and Mrs George Hedger, of Fleet, Hampshire, and Louise, daughter of Dr and Mrs Andrew Fawcett, of Godmanchester, Cambridgeshire.

Herr B. Hube and Miss H. Page The engagement is announced between Bjürn. son of Herr and Frau Hube, of Hanover, Germany, and Helen, elder-daughter of Mr and Mrs Martin Page, of Gayton, Wirral.

Dr M. Johannes and Miss N. Richards The engagement is announced between Maurice, son of Mr and Mrs Andre Johannes, of Eating, London, and Naomi, daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Richards, of Cobham, Surrey.

Mr R.H. Levy and Miss L.H. Papps The engagement is announced between Richard, son of Mr and Mrs Lionel Levy, of Bushey, Hertfordshire, and Laura, daugh-ter of Mr and Mrs Alastair Pappe, of Abawick, Northumberland.

Mr W.J. Shaw and Dr L.A. Brooks The engagement is announced between William, elder son of Mr and Mrs lain Shaw, of Blackkunans, Perthshire, and Louise, daughter of Professor and Mrs Frank Brooks, of Cape Town, South Africa.

Mr S.J. Thomas and Miss S.D. Orchard The engagement is announced between Stephen, son of Mr and .. Mrs J.C. Thomas, of Cradley, Malvern, Worcestershire, and Sophie, daughter of Mr and Mrs R.L. Orchard, of Great Malvern,

Mr P.D. Turner and Miss H.L. Dresner The engagement is announced between Philip, son of Mr and Mrs Raymond Turner, of Estree, Hertfordshire, and Helene, daughter of the late Joseph Dresner and of Mrs Dresner, of London, NWII.

### Church news

Next Dean of Bristol The Rev Robert Grimley, Vicar, St George, Edghaston, diocse of Birmingham, is to be Dean of Bristol, succeeding the Very Rev Wesley Carr, on his appointment as Dean of Westin

The Rev Ionathan Ball: to be Chaplain to Princess of Wales Royal Regiment, and have per-mission to officate in the discse of

The Rev Jon Bell, Priest-in-charge, Durham St Cuthbert and Rural Dean of Durham to be Vicar, Durham St Cuthbert and remain Rural Dean of Durham (Durham) The Rev Paul Butler, Priest-in-charge, St Mary w.St. Stephen, Waithamstow: to be also Priest-in-charge, St Gabriel, Walthamstow (Chelmsford).

(Chelmsford). The Rev David Robinson, Priestin charge, Ingrow cum Hainworth (Bradford): to be Vicar, Bramhope

The Rev Kelvin Shrivock, Assistant Curate, Kidderminster St John and Holy Innocents: to be Team Vicar in the Kidderminster West Team Ministry with special responsibility for Birchen Coppice St Peter (Worcester)

The Rev Harry Stratton, Vicar, Runcom Holy Trinity: to be Vicar, Lostock Gralam (Chester). The Rev Adrian Sullivan, Priest-incharge, The Marden Hill Group: to be also Rural Dean of Boling-

broke (Lincoln).
The Rev David Taylor, Assistant
Curate, Cheadle Hulme All Saints: to be Vicar, Macclesfield St John (Chester). The Rev Diane Watson, Assistant

Curate, Grange: to be also Assistant Curate, Runcorn Holy Trinity

Happy Birthday Peter, 5 tade for ending 20 year missay, pain and hor affliction and disable from assessment person

Histories from his instit, pro-mornousments of Rome infec-tion. Tutners: Temore and plates no other in the world could allowing the enquisite poin of our nerve entings, tender would in the cling raphi-ter of the country of the country and the low and patients you found the cure. Life is now worth H-ing. Thank You. Now Mother.

The Rev Pauline Thompson, Assistant Curate, Allestree St Edmund: to be Priest-in-charge, Hartington, Biggin and Earl Sterndale

(Derby). The Rev Stanley Walker, Vicar, Seacombe to be Chaplain, Chestire County Cadet Force and Assistant Curate, Lache-cum-Saltney The Rev David Weir, Assistant

Curate, West Leigh St Alban and Warren Park St Clare to be Assistant Curate West Leigh S Alban (Porstmouth). Resignations and retirem

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The Rev Andrew Burnet, Vicar, Bicker and Wignott (Lincoln): to retire January 31, 1997.

The Rev Robert (Jim) Gyton, Priest-in-charge, Castle Acre w: Newton, Rougham and Southacre (Nowich): to retire January 31, 1007

Canon John Herkiots, Vicar, Denmead All Saints (Portsmouth):

The Rev Roy Kingston, Priest-in-charge, Hambledon SS Peter and Paul (Portsmouth): to retire April The Rev Paul Masterton, Vicar, Helpringham w Hale (Lincoln): to

retire March 31, 1997. The Rev Raymond Patston, Vicar, Old Clee Holy Trinity and St Mary the Virgin (Lincoln): to retire January 31, 1997. Canon Brian Pearmain, Rector.

Scartho St Giles (Lincoln): to retire April 30, 1997. The Rev John Pollard, Vicar. Maidenhead St Peter (Oxford): to

The Rev William Williams, Vicar, Hemsby and Priest-in-charge. Winterton w East and West Somerton and Horsey (Norwich): resired December I, 1996.

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### PERSONAL COLUMN

The next day again, John was standing with two of his dis-ciples when lesus passed by John looked towards him and said, There is the Land of God'. John 1: 35,36 DEATHS

BIRTHS

CHRISTODOULIDES - On January 10th at The Portland Hospital, to Zela (Mouskas) and Andreas, a

I embark.

BICKFORD-SNUTH - On Monday
13th January suddenly at
home in Heiston, Comwail,
Roger Allan, Adored husband
of Edith, much loved brother
of Shella, Guy and Ann,
hrother-in-law of Jim, uncle
of Susan, Patrick and
Michael. Formerly Solicitor
in Kampala, Piraeus and
Luwait and also Roman
Numis matiet. Funeral FAURE BEAULIEU - On January

FINCHAM - On 9th January 1997 at St Mary's, Puddington, to Clare (née Lewthwaite) and Peter, a son, Arthur Felix William.

GALLER - On January 14th, to Louise (nee Robinson) and Milo, a beautiful daughter, Harriet Rose. SLYNN - On January 9th at The Portland Hospital, to Lisa (noe Bellow) and Bichard, a son, Ethan Leo.

HAYES - On January 15th, to

HOLSSAN BARRO - On January 14th, to Polly and Richard, a son, Angus John, a little

LEWIS - On Thursday January 9th 1997, at Alchi Medica MOGILMER - On January 13th

Karen and Raymond, a beautiful daughter, Lucy, a PFEIFFER - On January 9th 1997 at The Person Telffer On January Via 1997 at The Portland Hospital, to Marion (Womersley) and Jean-Plarre, a son, Jonathan Marc, a brother for Christopher

BANVILLE - Eilen Nora ('Elena') of Winford, formerly of Letchworth and Hove, on 14th January aged

88. Private cremation. No flowers please but any donations to the Parkinson's Disease Society clo Heckford Norton Solichtors, 29 High Street, Stevensge, SG1 3BU. And may there be no sadness of farewell when I embark'.

Russit and also comen Numismatist. Funeral Service at St Michael's Church, Helston, on Saturday 18th January at 10.30 am, followed by

cremation. Further enquiries to J.C. Williams & Sons F/D, tal: (01326) 672358. Family

BUCKLAND - Ursula (Powys), peacefully at St Raphaels N/H, Danshill, Sr. Funeral Service at St Raphaels, on

Tuesday January 21st at 11.30 am. Enquiries to RA. Brooks & Son, tel: (01444) 454391.

Rebecca. Funeral Service a St Mary's Church, Clophill Bedfortshire at 1.30 nm or

Bedfordshire at 1.30 pm on Tuesday 21st January. All enquiries to Nevilles of Amphili (01525) 406132

Ampunii (viozo) 406132.

DU BOIS - John of Arundel, died on January 11th aged 75 years. After a short illinest. Dearly loved and deeply missed by family and triends. Enquiries to Kevin Holland Funeral Service, (01243) 868630.

FAIR - On lanuary 15th at home, Sir Roger Falk OBE need 86. Funeral Service at St John the Baptist, Little Mariow, Bucks. on Thunday, 23rd January, midday. No Rowers, Donations to Trinity Hospice, Clapham. A Mamorial Service to be held later.

CONLON - Reginald Thos on 9th January, aged 75, peacefully at home. Much loved husband of Kathy and father of Michael and

flowers only please.

A. Hood, Senior Warden, also

The Earl of Stockton and Dr Roger

During the evening the Master presented awards to Mr Roelof limmer for the best performance in the intensive diploma course and to Miss Penelope Kershaw for the best performance in the di-ploma course of the Chartered Institute of Marketing. The Masters of the Fletchers', Solicitors' and Builders Merchants' Companies and the Commanding Of-ficer of the 161 (Greater London) Support Regiment, RLC, were

Ernest Beaumont Cottam, of Guildford, Surrey, left £1,271,566 He left his bird recordings to the Myrtle Georgina Hardman, of Pangbourne, Reading, Berkshire,

Latest wills

left E1,322,467 net. Evelyn May Quigley, Hove, East Sussex, left £1,128,661 net. She left £2,500 to the Imperial Cancer Research Fund and to the British Heart Foundation. Clifford Daniel King Lewis, of Seaford, East Sussex, left Seaford, Eas E1,078,790 net. Mildred Clara Calley, of London SW3, left £1,063.985 net.

of Cardiff, left £998,941 net.

BHIGHT - On 12th January at Queen Elimbeth II Hospital, John Anthony Elilott. Memorial Service at Holy Family Church, Welwyn Garden City, on Friday 24th January at 2 pm. Family flowers only please. Donations for The British

january at Z pm. Family flowers only please. Donations for The British Lung Foundation may be sent c/o Geo. W. Blow & Sons, Caurch Street, Welwyn, tel: (01438) 714686.

GAMDY - On january 2nd after a short illness, Barbara Winifred Gandy of Brockenhurst, Hampshire, aged 90 years, Private Cremation. All enquiries to J. Beavis & Sons 01703 -772120.

GORMER - Frank C.B.f. cted peacefully on 14th January at Stepping Bill Hospital after a short illness. Beloved father to Eate and gundfulder to Ben and Meg. Will be greatly missed by all who knew him. Cremation at 10.30 Thursday 23rd January at Manchester.

January at Mascheste: Crematorium (Old Chapel)

Crematorium (Old Chaper). No Howers. Any donations to Didsbury Retary Club c/o Treasurer, 25 Morville Road, Choriton M21 OUG.

GOWLAND - Peter John on 13th January 1997, retired Manager National Westminster Bank Paddington Station Branch

Westminster Bank Faddington Station Branch. Funeral Service at Emmanuel Church, Silleticay, at 1 pm Tuesday 21st January. Donations, if desired, to Hamelin Trust.

GREFFM: Phyllis of Chipping Campden, Peacefully at the Charlton Lane Centre, Cheltenham on January 13th, 1997. Dearly loved wile of Frank, dear mother of Carol, Amanda and Boger. Feneral Sorvice at S. James' Chusch, Chipping Campden on Wednesdry, January 22nd at 3 pm. Floral Industry to Philip Tomilas Ltd., 36, The Lays, Evenham, Worce. WRII 5AP.

SRIFFIN - Phyllis of Chinnin

la Barca, dramatist and poet, Madrid, 1600; Thomas Pairfax, 3rd Baron Fairfax of Cameron, parliamentary commander in the Civil War. Denton, Yorkshire, 1612: Benjamin Franklin, states-man, scientist and printer. Boston, Lillias Riddell Graham Hogarth,

HALCROW - Margaret Penelope June (née Milace) died 13th january 1997 at John Radellife Hospital, Oxford Sadly missed by her children Michnel Halcrow

children Michael Haicrow and Penny Wyrd. Funeral Service to take place on Friday January 24th at St Mary Magdalen Church, Oxford at 1 pm followed by cremation. Plowers to AW. Bruce, 29 Rogers Street, Oxford, OX2 755.

AMCOCK - Dr. Frank Rider Thompson, darling husband of Estelle, on January 16th in his ninety second year at the Paddocks Hospital, Princes Risborough. Much

Princes Risborough. Much loved father of Penelope Vivian, Christine, Dorothy

John and Margaret, grundfather of 16, great-grandfather of 22. Funeral at St Mary's Church, Weston Turville on Wednesday 22nd January at 1230 pm. There

HAYWARD - Henry Ernest Stafford, on january 13th aged 90. Dear husband of Jean. Service at Guildford Crematorium on Taursday January 23rd at 3.30 pm. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to RASC & RCT Benevolent Fund of James & Thomas Ltd. 17D, 45 East Lane, West Horsley, Surrey KT24 6HQ.

MODGSON - Lotn MA. MR. CH. R. Died at home in Oxford on Wednesday 15th January 1997. Funetal at St John's Chapel, Oxford Crematorhum on Friday 24th January at 230 pm. No Howers please, donations if desired to Marie Gurie Numes e/o Reeves & Paia, 288 Abingdon Road, Oxford, OXI 4TE.

HORMS-Margaret Ruth, on 8th January, after a sudden liness. Widow of Harry and former Headmistress of Fairlop Girls' School. Fuseral at St Mary's Church, Chigwell at 11 am on January 24th. Enquiries to (01462) 459360.

Massachusetts, 1706; George Lyttleton, 1st Baron Lyttleton, statesman, historian and poet, Hagley, Worcestershire. 1709; Vittorio Alfieri, poet, Piedmont. Italy, 1749; Sir James Hall, geolo-gist, Dunglass, Lothian, 1761; Charles Kean, actor, Waterford,

HUGHES - Major (ret'd)
Edward Patrick, late of the
Boyal Signals and Middlessex
Yeomanny. Peacefully with
his family, but after an
illness borne with great
counage. "He was a versay
parfit gentil knyght".
Requiem Mass at St
Swithun's Church, Waverley
Road, Southsea, on Thursday
January 23rd, 11.30 am,
followed by totsement. All
friends welcome, but no
flowers please. Enquiries to
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Directors, (01705) 829404.

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ILINGWORTH - Joan fillen
Mary, on Jenuary 14th 1997,
peacefully at home. Beloved
widow of Charles and
mother of David, Stephen
and Martia, Funeral Service
at Heaton Moor Methodist
Church on Thursday January
23rd at 11 am. Family
flowers carly, Donations to
National Childrens Homes
c/o and enquiries to George
Ball & Son, 39 Derby Range,
Stockport, SE4 4AB, tel:
(0161) 432-2131.

KAMHESKA - On F-1day

(0161) 432-2131.

KAMIESKA - On Friday January 10th 1997, Freda Eaminska, formerly of Harry Scott Court. Cambridge, passed peacefully to rest at St Andrew's Care Centre, Bottsham, Camlridge, aged 80 years. Funeral at 10 am on Tuesday January 28th 1997 in the West Chapel at Cambridge City Crematorium All enquiries to Co-operative Funeral Services, 34 James Street, Cambridge, tel: (01223) 357046.

357046.

KING - Fixmp beloved wife of Richard, elizart daughter of Colonel Churies (Raoul) and Doroen Coombes. Much loved and missed by family and friends, died peacetully on January 14th after a chort illness aged 49 at The Royal Marsden Hospital. There will be a private fumeral service next week. Family flowers only. Donations, to The Orthopaedic Fund for Oldchurch Hospital (Registered Charly) to be sent to Mr King, Servetary, Oldchurch Hospital, Romford, Esser RM7 (BE A Requiem Memorial Service will be held at the Brompton Oratory, 5 W7, on 28th

Oratory, SW7, on 28th February at 11 am.

DEATHS: John Ray, naturalist,

Annound of Sue, dear father of Cella and Clive and a proud gamdathen. Private cremation. Service of Thanksgiving on Priday 24th January at St Catherine's Church, Nethenhampton at 2pm. No flowers or mourning. Donations if wished to Parkinsons Disease Society or Pitton Ward Staff Fund c/o LN. Newman Ltd., F.D., Griffin House, 55 Winchester, Street, Salisbury, Withshire SF1 1HL.

SPI IHI.

OGDEN - Shella Edith Julia on
Friday 10th January died
peacefully after a long
illness. Afunszal service will
be held at St Mary's, Bourne
Street. London SWI at
11.30am Thursday 23rd
January. Flowers to J.H.
Lanyan Ltd., 74 Rochester
Row, London SWIP 1JO.

RAMSEY - On 14th January, peacefully asleep, at the Evelyn Bospital, Cambidge, Margaret (Margretta) (nois McLay), widow of Ian, has Bishop of Durham, much jowed mother of Paul and

MARGUET - (née Stephens)
Barbara Heien, peacafully
on knowky lôth in her 91st
year at her home in Spain.
During 51 years the devoted
wife of the Late Eugene
Maurice ("Nexty"), sister of
the late Molly Stephens,
mother of Simon Parkar and
Stephanie Mend,
grandmother of Sally, loved mother of Paul and Vivien, and a dear grandmother. Funeral at Trumpington Parish Chunch at 12:30 pm on Friday 24th January 1997. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to the British Red Cross Society. Stephanie Mead, grandmother of Saily, Philippa, Sue and Liz and draw geat-grandmother.
MAY - The Right Hom Sir John,
retired Lord Justice of
Appeal on 15th January
1997 following a heart
attack. Beloved husband,
father and grandfather.
Private cramption. Memocial
Service in London to be
announced.

RUMALSHAH - On January 11th 1997 passed away peacefully The Venerable layar, former Archdescon of Karachi and father of hishop Manu Rumalshak. Funeral Service at S Mark's Church, Roume End, Backs. Service in London to be announced.

SHILER - The Enverend John Stephen Coeffield peacefully, at home, on January 16th 1997. Dearly loved husband of Margaret Loving father, father-in-law, grandfather and friend, Funenal Service at Christ Church, Waterden Road, Gulldford on Friday, January 24th at 2 pm. A Thanksgiving Service and Deposition of Ashes at St. Clave's Church, Eart Street, London EC3 on Tuesday February 18th at 12.30 pm. All enquiries to Robert Ayling Funeral Services, nat (61483) 567333.

NICHOLAS - Cliver Etchmond Lt. Col. late EA peacefully on January 12th at Salisbury District Hospital after a long illness borne with courage and humour. Beloved husband of Sue, dear father of Cellia and Clive and SADOFSKY - Florence (née Bakusen) on 9th January, peacefully aged 98. Very dearly loved mother, devoted grandmother and great-grandmother. The funeral took place in Hull on 12th

SHEARER - Kathleen, widow of Dr. Lewis Shearer. Died peacefully at Beauchamp House NE. on 13th January 1997. No flowers. Donations to NSPCC. Funent Teunton Dean Crematorium 24th January 1997 2.30 pm.

SMITH - Florence Gray on - January 13th 1997 seddenly at home, Widow of Sydney and mother of Lavar, Funeral Service at Sexhill Cametery, Turkey Read, on 24th January at 12 noon. Howers or donations to British Beart Foundation of Munmerys, Devenshire Road, Bexhill, (01424) 730418.

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VARSHY - Edwin Thomas of Tring, 1907-1997. Desply lowed stepfather of Charles Anderson, broken-hearted father of Captain Owen Varney. Service in Tring Church 11.30 am 28th January. Flowers or donations if desired for Tring Parish Church Tring Parish Church Enquiries R. Metcalfe (01442) 828394.

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### SIR PETER TENNANT

Sir Peter Tennant, CMG, OBE. diplemat and industrial spokesman, died on December 22 aged 86. He was born on November 29, 1910.

State of the state n the chaotic study of his home in Haslemere, Peter Tennant was, antil shortly before death, busy trying to have a better wheelchair designed for the National Health Service, translating and editing the letters of Countess Amelie Posse (Jan Masaryk's secretary and friend) and maintaining a vigorous correspondence, to say nothing of advising a think-tank in Oxford. None of this would have surprised his many friends - who would also agree about his ready wit, gifts as a raconteur and stentorian voice.

Brought up in his earliest years as a son of the Raj in India, Tennant was, according to the custom of the time. sent home to England when he was only four.

When, years later, he returned to Bombay and went to look for the house that had been the family home he found it hard to recognise. But then already in his sixties and a tall, heavilybuilt man - he suddenly realised that his perspective had changed with the years. Without an ounce of selfconsciousness he simply crouched on all fours and crawled along the pavement for a better look.

Peter Frank Dalrymple Tennant was educated at Marlborough whence he went up to Trinity College, Cambridge: where he became the senior modern languages scholar in 1929. He took a first in the Modern Languages Tripos in 1931. Mastering French and German, he sought something more testing. He turned to the origins of the Germanic languages. He won scholarships to Oslo, Copenhagen and Stockholm universities. From 1934 to 1939 he taught Scandinavian languages at Cambridge, where he became a Fellow

of Queens' College.
As war approached, he was recruited into the Special Operations Executive. and soirées, and brought numbers of Initially involved with code-breaking at Bletchley, he moved from decipher-ing to propaganda. With a Swedish wife and familiar with Scandinavian life and languages, he was posted to Stockholm as the press attaché in the fields, recruited an informant inside buy the Italian Navy.



British consulate. The house he lived in had belonged to ingrid Bergman. . Finding he could get to work from it by water, Tennant bought a cance. But the Swedish authorities forbade him to use it because his route passed what they regarded as a militarily sensitive area. In an attempt to circumnavigate the ban, Tennant attached CD plates to his

Among his tasks in neutral Sweden was to tell the British story: to persuade people that, in the end, Britain would win the war. He published his own newspaper, arranged talks, seminars prominent British writers to Sweden, T. S. Eliot among them.

Behind that diplomatic front he had other, more vital work. He developed a network of secret contacts in various

As soon as Paris was liberated, Tennant moved from Stockholm to become counsellor for information at the embassy there. Duff Cooper was his ambassador. Tennant, still ostensibly concerned with the press and other media, quickly realised that for years the French public had suffered too rich a diet of German or German-approved films. He arranged to introduce Allied films into French cinemas. But these could not just be put on without a charge. That would be unfair to those cinemas not given the opportunity to show them. Nevertheless, the scheme flourished.

Money started pouring into the British Embassy. The Foreign Office in London was horrified. Tennant was temporarily suspended. But all ended well. The money was used to buy the building next door, now the consulate. Tennant never passed it, he said later, without patting the wall.

In 1950 he was posted to Berlin as deputy commandant of the British Sector. One outcome was the Wilton Park conference, held each year so that British and German politicians could meet each other.

In 1952 he resigned from the Foreign Office and became overseas director of the Federation of British Industries. In 1963 he was promoted to become its deputy-director general and had hopes of becoming its director-general -hopes that were dashed by its merger with the British Employers Federation to form the CBI.

For six years, 1965-71, he was director-general of the British National Export Council. He was knighted in 1972; he had been appointed OBE in 1945 and CMG in 1958. He subsequenty served as president and chairman of the London Chamber of Commerce. He was a director of Barclays Bank SA and industrial adviser to Barclays Bank International. From 1973 to 1981 he was a director of Prudential Assurance. He sat on the Council of Industrial Design (now the Design Council) and was acting chairman of the Wilton Park Academic Council.

Peter Tennant was twice married first to his Swedish wife and then to a Finnish one. He is survived by the latter, Galina, whom he married in 1953, a stepson and one son and two daughters from his first marriage.

### IAIN MILLS

Iain Mills. Conservative MP for Meriden since 1979, died yesterday aged 56. He was born on April 21, 1940.

IAIN MILLS was a typical product of the first Thatcher election victory of 1979. He was young in political terms. thrusting, right-wing but not extremist, with a good industrial record behind him and a determination to put trade unions in their place. He won the then marginal Meriden on a tough law and order platform. In the Commons he proved

a friend of the police. He called for better training for constables and more uniformed officers on the beat. He voted for the restoration of capital punishment and was keen on the plan to give vandals "short sharp shocks". It was, therefore, an embarrassment when he was found last April lying in a gutter in Great Smith Street, near the House of Commons. He spent four hours in the cells at Charing Cross police station before being released with an official warning for drunkeness though he always maintained that he had slipped and fallen over through carrying too many books.

That was the only time he appeared on the front pages of newspapers. He was a reliable loyalist but the nearest he got to office was a six-year spell as parliamentary private secretary to Lord (then) Norman Tebbit

Mills was born in Scotland but grew up in Rhodesia -now Zimbabwe - and was educated at Prince Edward's school in Salisbury and at the University of Cape Town. He trained as a chemical

engineer and returned to Britain to work for Dunlop, where he eventually became marketing planning manager. He was proud of his role in the designing of the tyres on which Jackie Stewart won the



world motor racing title. Understandably, in view of his background, he tended to concentrate on transport in the House. He was joint chairman of the Commons Motor Industry Group and also served on the Select Committee on Employment.

As a Midlands MP, with car workers in his constituency, he was against unrestricted Spanish car imports. He called for all methods "short of an actual blockade" until Spain reduced the quota of car exports to Britain. He declared, almost in an echo of his mentor Norman Tebbit: "I am all in favour of doing a French on them and insisting that all Spanish cars arriving in this

country will be accepted only through somewhere nice and like the

for animal rights. He was against animals being used for laboratory experiments to make lipsticks and other cosmetics. He suggested it was more moral to use human beings in their place. Not entirely with his tongue in cheek, he sought to ban goldfish being given as fairground prizes. He also supported the Ramblers Association in its bid to modify the Wildlife and Countryside Bill.

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His other main interest was counterfeiting. He estimated that perhaps seven eighths of the counterfeiting was going undetected and added the volume of counterfeit products sold in Britain varied between £200 million and £500 million. He had been married since 1971 to Gaynor Jeffries, who

### **JANET RANCE**

Janet Rance, journalist, died of cancer on December 18 aged 68. She was born on March 24,

ring her up and ask advice about anything from how to deal with a crying baby ("ear-plugs") to how to write a book. As Janet Graham she was a journalist for the Reader's Digest for 30 years, producing extensively researched articles on travel, art and architecture while bringing up seven children in a small house in

Streatley in Berkshire. An intrepid traveller with a taste for exoticism and variety, she explored the Iron Curtain. countries posing as a housewife, managed to get a tax allowance for two contrasting sets of clothes when sent to write about Iceland and the Algerian Sahara and succeeded in selling hitch-hiking and ballooning as "sports" to Sports Illustrated. Her mother was the rebel-

lious and romantic author of Mrs Miniver, her father, Anthony Maxione Graham, was FROM her mother Jan: a golfing laird whom Janet Struther, Janet Rance inherit- thought snobbish, conventioned wisdom, zest and eloquence al, extravagant and annoying which made friends long to When in 1951 she became engaged to Patrick Rance, now well known for his definitive books on British and French cheese, her father made her postpone the wedding so that the rhododendrons along the drive in Perthshire would be

That was the kind of social nicety she could not stand. She loathed Scotland and decided it could only be of interest if you liked hitting balls or killing things. When she and

Patrick (a monocled ex-Regular Army major) started running the village shop in Streatley, her father and aunts were disapproving: it wasn't the done thing for a laird's daughter to marry a shop-



Janet and Pat Rance lived over the shop, in a house called Jessamine Cottage. which became known as Decibel Cottage because of the seven children. Over the years the house began to smell more and more strongly of cheese. The shop, Wells Stores, continued to be a general grocer's but little by little the baked beans and Sellotape were

pushed aside to make more and more room for chevre and Cornish yarg. The shop became a haven for cheeselovers from all over the Thames Valley and beyond. Janet Rance shut herself

the German Legation, exposed double

agents and successfully planted decep-

tion plans. In a boat, The Valkyrian, he

bought to sail in the quiet waters of

Stockholm's archipelago, he both took

visitors from Britain and, more noisily,

A gregarious, large-hearted man,

Tennant made many friends. Among them was Alexandra Kollontai, the

Soviet Ambassador. She said that the

Soviet Union was interested in educa-

tion and was impressed by the stan-

dards in Britain. She asked him for

advice. As a result, a report went to the

Comintern recommending the estab-

lishment of 60 Etons in the Soviet

Union, "though nothing came of it".

Despite being approved by Churchill,

nothing came either of a plan recom-

mended by another contact. It was to

tested explosives.

away while the children were at school and wrote her articalled a "Bach-lined room'. Although she was too much of a questioner and a rebel to be textbook Christian, she thought of Bach as a "hotline to heaven. She was such a Radio 3 addict that she used the Radio Times page as her diary, scribbling engagements on it in between concert

programmes.

Her journalistic career began in America, where she had lived from 1940 to 1945 with her mother, who at that time was giving influential lectures and advising on the film of Mrs Miniver which, with Greer Garson in the title role, helped to bring America into the war. Aged 14, Janet was given a typewriter from

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her mother as a reward when the Atlantic Monthly published her poem about air raids. Returning to New York in 1947, she became a secretary on Good Housekeeping, and from this humble post quickly made her way to be assistant editor. Her Good

past was slightly difficult to imagine if one visited her: although an excellent cook, she was not much of a cleaner, and the stain experts at Good Housekeeping would have been brought up short if they had seen the surface of her stove. Though particular about the quality and temperature of cheese, she was far from being a wine or mineralwater snob: "It's Chateau

Robinet this evening," guests

would be told as she turned on

Wells Stores was taken over by a son, Hugh, but was sold during the recent recession. Her husband wrote his book on French cheese and this involved fascinating visits for the two of them to cheesemaking monasteries all over France, where the standard of plainchant was judged just as strictly as the standard of

Janet Rance had her first of five attacks of cancer 25 years ago. "Cancer is curable," she believed, and she became a source of consolation-by-example to friends who were suffering from it. She was, by nature, someone who liked to read in bed; and as the cancer gradually and inevitably returned, her bedside table became piled higher and higher with books and Times Literary Supplements. She was a great clipper and was forever cutting bits out of the papers to send to relatives and friends about their particular inter-

She is survived by her husband Patrick and by seven children.

### **TOWNES VAN ZANDT** Townes Van Zandt,

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singer and songwriter, died of a heart attack on January I aged 52. He was born on March 7, 1944

KNOWN in musical circles as "the songwriter's songwriter". Townes Van Zandt was one of the most original writers of pathos-drenched songs in an overcrowded field. His own recordings did not sell in vast numbers, although he had a dedicated following, but the list of those who recorded his songs reads like a Who's Who of contemporary music, and his influence was powerful. He made I5 albums over

almost 30 years - including the ironically-titled The Late, Great Townes Van Zandt in 1974 - but was best known outside the music business for writing the songs If I Needed You, a hit for Emmylou Harris and Don Williams, and Pancho and Lefty, which Willie Nelson and Merle Haggard took into the charts. His fellow songwriter Steve Earle wrote on the sleeve notes of his 1987 album, At The Window. "Townes Van Zandt is the best songwriter in the whole world and I'll stand on Bob Dylan's coffee table in my cowboy

boots and say that." Born into an oil family in Fort Worth, Texas, Van Zandt led a migratory childhood which established a pattern for his unsettled life. After high school he went to a military academy for two years and then to the University of Colorado, but dropped out to pursue a career as a folk singer under the influence of Lightnin' Hopkins and, inevitably, Bob Dylan.

By 1966 he was playing in clubs and bars around Houston where he became part of what was almost a school of Texan singer-songwriters, including among others his lifelong friend Guy Clark, Jerry



Jeff Walker and Mickey Newbury. A string of albums followed, starting with For The Sake Of The Song in 1968 which set the tone for melancholic stories about characters from the backwoods down on their luck. But success only really

started to arrive for him in the early 1970s when the likes of Emmylou Harris began recording his songs. Among those who were to cite his work as an important influence were Neil Young, Lyle Loven and Nanci Griffith. His personal life was chaot-

ic; he battled against illness. had a drinking problem and always believed he would die young. Between 1978 and 1987 he released no recordings, although he had become more prolific again in recent years. and recorded an album, No Deeper Blue, in Ireland in 1995. His last performance in Britain was at the Borderline in London in December last vear. He recentiv suffered a broken hip and was recovering from this when he had a heart attack at his former wife Jeanene's house near Nashville, Tennessee. His friend Guy Clark was visiting him when he died. He is survived by a daugh-

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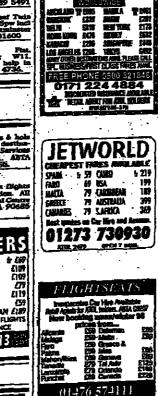
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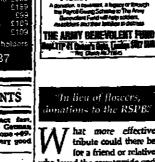
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### THE GAME OF BOULE A SAD PLEASURE OF THE RIVIERA

FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT, MENTON Boule is the game played chiefly in

casinos on the Riviera where roulette is not permitted. It is a lugubrious game, the players being depressed by the knowledge that the odds are so overwhelmingly against them. That it finds players at all is amazing testimony to the human inability to resist any game of so-called chance. It is like roulette to the extent that it is played by betting on numbers, the bettor's fate being decided by a ball spinning on a wheel. It is unlike roulette in the fact that the odds in favour of the house are four times as great. Also, the ball is, so to speak, a lawn tennis ball instead of a golf ball. In place of the clean little ivory or ivory-like ball of roulette, which spins so gaily and goes with such a determined click into its little hole, the boule ball is a big. lolloping, bladder-like thing, which wobbles indeterminately about the board, sidles into a hole, and slouches out again, loafs round, and selects

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Not too serious advice on gambling for the boulevardiers of the Riviera.

another roosting-place, sits there for a second, changes its foolish mind, and dodders off to the only hole on which nobody has bet, and there, after much invertebrate rocking and hesitation, it finally settles down. You can almost hear it sigh from sheer boredom with itself. At roulette there are 37 numbers to bet on, one of which - zero - is the perquisite of the house. The bank must in the long run win one bet in every 37 that are made. At boule the bank wins one bet in every nine. There are nine numbers on the table - 1 to 9 - and one of these (5) is in effect zero. If you bet on a

seven times your stake instead of eight, the odds being 1 in 9 against you. So with every combination on the table, one-ninth of all the stakes goes infallibly to the house. Compared with that, the one-thirty-seventh, which is all the house takes at roulette, borders on the philanthropic. Of course, with a run of luck the individual may for a short time win at boule. I have done it myself; and a few days ago a party of six went to play for half an hour after lunch. At the end of the time one lady had won 60f and one man 40f. The net loss of the party of six was 105f; which was probably as happy a result as any party of six could expect to attain at boule. At least it can be said of boule that it probably never drove a man to suicide. He might lose his temper so as to speak impolitely to his wife or lose his appetite for tea. That is as far as it could go. It is one of the sadder pleasures of the gay Riviera — as impassioned as a cold muffin. As between boule and spillikins, for mad excitement give me spillikins.

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# THE TIMES TODAY

### NEWS

### Millennium Exhibition on the brink

■ Tony Blair last night rejected a last-ditch plea by Michael Heseltine for Labour to underwrite the Millennium Exhibition, leaving the troubled Greenwich centrepiece of Britain's celebrations of 2000 on the brink of collapse.

Millennium Commission sources said he refused to drop Labour's demand that it could review the project after it came to office and insisted that it should not be boosted by a second stream of money from the National Lottery ....

### Government minority after MP dies

The Government moved into minority after the sudden death from a suspected heart attack of lain Mills, 56, MP for Meriden, West Midlands, where he had a majority of 14,600. His body was found at his London flat by a colleague after he had not been seen for two days ... .... Pages 1, 21

### Band banned

Fourteen television and radio stations banned records by the popgroup East 17 after the lead singer, Brian Harvey, said Ecstasy was a safe drug that made users "better people".

### Police Bill at risk

Michael Howard was struggling to head off a Lords defeat over plans for police bugging after losing the backing of Labour's front bench over key parts of the Police .Page 2

### DJ pulls the plug

Radio One was said to be in turmoil after its most popular disc jockey, Chris Evans, announced that he is to quit after his demands for a four-day week were refused... ..... Page 5

### Boys 'killed mother'

Two teenage boys bludgeoned their mother to death with a hammer after enduring years of emotional and mental torture. Leeds Crown Court was told ......Page 3

### In the net

Wimbledon goalkeeper Hans Segers conceded it goals in a month, netting him E19,000 from a Far Eastern betting syndicate, it was alleged in court....... Page 6

### Transplant setback

Human transplants using pig organs may never take place in Britain, the chairman of a government inquiry into the pioneering technique said ......Page 7

### Greek treasure

British and Russian archaeologists have found iewellery, a marble head of Aphrodite and thousands of gold coins at the Greek Black Sea colony of Phanagoria... ...Page 9

### **Nuclear error**

In the final days of the Vietnam War two American engineers dismantled a nuclear research reactor in Dalat but took away a canister of polonium instead of 

### **EU** integration drive

The European Commission added its weight to a Franco-German drive for a multi-speed Union in which groups of countries could pursue deeper integration even if other states objected ...... Page 12

### Death camp appeal

Maurice Papon, the Vichy official accused of deporting 1,690 Jews to Nazi death camps, launched an appeal to avoid trial for crimes against humanity ...... Page 13 Hebron pullout

### The Star of David was pulled down from an army checkpoint at the entrance to Hebron as Israel prepared to end 30 years of mili-

### tary rule there ...... Page 14 Algerian fighting

Algerian security forces fought Muslim guerrillas in the Casbah and a bomb killed 12 people and injured a hundred in a market south of Algiers ..... Page 15

### British numeracy fails to add up

■ British adults came bottom in an international numeracy league. Only 20 per cent of people aged between 16 and 60 could answer 12 sums reflecting the basic mathematics needed in everyday life. Young adults performed worst. Japan topped the table with 43 per cent answering every question correctly, followed by France, Holland, Denmark and Sweden ... Page 5



Lord Rix in the restored and newly listed Whitehall Theatre yesterday. The Art Deco theatre, home of his farces, was built in 1930.

### BUSINESS

Ford: The car maker is to shed 1300 jobs from its Halewood plant on Merseyside and concentrate production of the new Escort on the

Scottish Amicable: Policyholders will get £1,500 extra when the life assurer sheds its mutual status. It will seek a stockmarket listing in three to five years' time .... Page 23 Economy: Interest rates have been pegged at 6 per cent for another month. The headline rate of inflation fell to 2.5 per cent in December ...... Page 23 from 27 per cent ....

Markets: The FT-SE 100 index rose 38.6 points to close at 4197.5. Sterling's trade-weighted index fell from 96.3 to 96.1 after a fall from \$1.6790 to \$1.6752 and from DM2.6679 to DM2.6673... Page 26

### Football: Sir John Hall, Newcastle United's chairman, said that the board tried to dissuade Kevin Keegan from leaving the club but, as a perfectionist, he would not be

SPORT

.. Page 44 Rugby union: Kevin McKenzie has withdrawn from the Scotland team to play Wales with a neck injury. He is replaced as hooker by Graham Ellis . Page 44

Cricket: Philip Tufnell took five wickets for 58 as England defeated a New Zealand Select XI by an innings and 113 runs in Palmerston

Salling: The 14 yachts in the BT Global Challenge are undergoing a refit in Wellington that is costing Chay Blyth, the race organiser, more than £100,000 ...... Page 44

### AHS Modern discord: If, even at this late hour in the 20th century, the Brit-

ish public still fails to be enthralled by 20th-century music, it won't be for lack of opportunities to hear the .....Page 32 Life of Brian: Brian Kennedy has a

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Moran says he may have been cool in the Seventies, but in the Nineties he is just embarrassing ..... Page 33 Pinter and a pint? From last year's humble beginnings in the capital, the Guinness Pub Theatre Awards have spread to saloon bars all over ..Page 34

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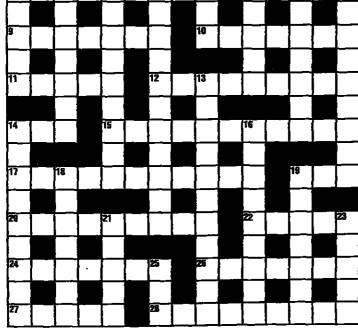
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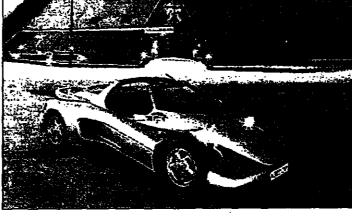
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BUSINESS EDITOR Lindsay Cook

FRIDAY JANUARY 17 1997



Lord Harris of Peckham leading John Kitching, managing director, and Ian Sneyd, finance director, yesterday as Carpetright unveiled higher profits

# Harris raises £23m in

LORD HARRIS of Peckham of Carpetright, raised £23 milmillion of his shares in the carpet retailer. He plans to spend most of the money on works of art, which - unlike cash — he will be able to pass on to his four children free of

inheritance tax. Lord Rarris, 54, has a collection of about 400 paintings, including works by Sisley, Pissarro and modern British painters.

The share sale coincided with the announcement that Carpetright made a profit in the six months to October 26 of £13.96 million, 38 per cent up on last year. The interim dividend rises by 2p, to 7.5p. due on February 21. Earnings per share were 12.1p, up from 8.7p. The figures, better than expected, lifted Carpetright shares 7p. to 598p. The company now claims 17 per cent of the market.

Lord Harris retains 15.2 per cent of Carpetright, and shares held by the family take the stake nearer 20 per cent. He has undertaken not to sell any more shares for two

Some proceeds of Lord Harris's share sale will go to his charitable trust, which supports education and health causes. He did not rule out some funds going to the Conservative Party, of which

he is deputy treasurer. Lord Harris has four childnen. Two sons, Martin, 27, and Peter, 34, work for Carpetright His other son. Charles, is Peter's twin, and he has a daughter, Susan, 35.

Lord Harris prefers to buy art anonymously, through third parties, and lends most of his pictures to museums. He I now plans to add to its silver and antique furniture collections, but says that he will not buy rugs, about which he es to know nothing.

City Diary, page 27 Hall: football subsidiary with priority allocations for John will chair the football

# ScotAm in £3,000 stake sale payout bonanza

muses worth up to £3,000 after it announced plans to demutualise and float within three to five years.
ScotAm said yesterday that shedding its mutual status

was the first step in a two-stage restructuring. It will pay an initial special bonus of £75 million to members, followed by further benefits at flotation worth at least £200 million.

New with-profit policies taken out after December 31, 1996 and before the date of a special general meeting in March will qualify, but only for the bonuses at flotation, and not at demutualisation, which is scheduled for May 1.

However, policies taken out in 1972 on a sum assured of £30,000, for example, could qualify for more than £1,500. ScotAm is currently the UK's sixth largest mutual life assurance company and sells life, protection, pensions, savings and investment products, primarily through independent financial advisers.

The insurer gave warning that bounty hunters -people intending to buy policies just to qualify for the special bonus - were not welcome. Anyone buying a

mutualisations of building societies, members will not be able to access their bonus until the policy matures. For some, this will be more than 20 years away even though their bonus will be credited in May. Holders of non-profit policies will not qualify.

Paul Bradshaw, deputy managing director, said he expected the company to be worth £1 billion when it was

would be approached by banks and building societies looking to expand their life business. A successful bid would affect the size of the second bonus.

Another life insurer, Norwich Union, plans to demutualise in June and give

However, analysts suggest-

ed that the Stirling-based mu-

tual was such an attractive

target to predators that it

### Float flurry prompts upgrade for Crest

Newcastle to show losses of £17m

NEWCASTLE UNITED is to joint chief executive, said the

THE computer capacity of Crest, the electronic share settlement system, is to be increased 60 per cent to handle this year's building society flotations and the introduction of other big stocks (Adam Jones writes).

Although 1,289 securities are now settled on Crest, several companies with large shareholder bases are still to be transferred.

They include the building societies planning to go public and stocks such as BT and Barclays, whose Crest debuts

By JASON NISSE

show losses of about £17

million for the year to July 31

when it publishes its prospec-

tus for its spring flotation.

which will value the Premier-

ship club at between £160

The club yesterday said it

A tenth of the shares will be

reserved for small investors,

will raise between £40 million

and £50 million in the float.

million and £200 million.

of problems with the system last year. Eventually, 2,800 to 3,000 securities will be

handled CrestCo, the operator of Crest, said that it would lease six new processors to cope with the increased demand this year and was considering other hardware upgrades. The improvements could lead to higher tariffs.

Paul Symons, of CrestCo. said that 80 per cent of trades were now settled on the

holders. Mark Corbidge, the

money would be used to

restructure Newcastle's bal-

ance sheet and it may return to

the market to raise money to

pay for building its £65 million

new stadium at Castle Leazes.

per cent stake but will not be

on the board of the company

being floated. It will bring in

three new non-executives in-

cluding a chairman, while Sir

Sir John Hall will keep a 60

second-hand policy will quali-floated and the restructuring each member an average £800 ScotAm said that the initial

bonus would be based on the length of time that policies had been held. Policyholders will be asked to vote on demutualisation plans at the special general meeting in March. Swiss Re, the giant reinsur-

er, and its affiliate, Securitas Capital, is backing the deal with £400 million of capital. There has been intense speculation that ScotAm, founded in 1826, would be the subject of a takeover but Sandy Stewart,

the chairman, said that the group intended to hold on to its independence. The demutualisation process is highly complicated and the business, staff and operations, and long-term fund of the group, will be transferred to a new company, Scottish

owned subsidiary of a newly formed holding company, Scottish Amicable Holdings. Roy Nicolson, managing director of ScotAm, will become its group chief executive, and Mr Bradshaw will become chief executive of Scottish Am-

that in the most recent financial

year it had made operating

profits of £5.9 million before

player transfers. According to

Football Association records.

the team spent £28.5 million on

players in the year and sold

players worth £5.85 million,

indicating a loss of £17 million.

nance director, said the com-

pany would write off all player

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deals when incurred.

Jo Dixon, Newcastle's fi-

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# Strong pound allows Clarke to leave rates unchanged

December for audio-visual equipment, such as videos and

televisions, and photographic

equipment, much of which is

But there were also price

falls for toys, for example. This

may reflect sterling's impact on imported prices, but it may

also be a sign that consumers were insistent on searching for

bargains. Given anecdotal evi-

dence that the Christmas

shopping season got off to a

slow start -- John Menzies, the

newsagents and retail group,

yesterday became the latest

company to report disappoint-

ing business — it would

appear that retailers have had

to be keenly competitive on

There was a rash of pre-Christmas sales, with heavy

discounting of some non-sea-sonal foods, the prices of

which fell for the fourth con-

secutive month. ONS statisti-

cians said that there was

evidence that fierce price com-

petition in supermarket chains continued this month.

The fall in the annual headline rate of inflation was

largely because of motoring costs and food prices. Petrol

prices increased less sharply

than they had after the 1995

Budget, and second-hand car

they did last year. Seasonal

food prices didn't rise by

nearly as much as a year ago.

☐ Equifax Europe reports to-

day that more consumer credit

accounts were paid on time in

the final three months of last

year than in any period over the past year. This, the firm

said, confirmed that what it

called the "recent consumer

credit boom" was based on

affordability rather than rash

still imported.

that sterling's strength was the main reason why he has decided to leave interest rates unchanged at 6 per cent for the

time being. On the day after he met Eddie George, Governor of the Bank of England, for their monthly meeting on rates, the Chancellor said that the pound's sharp rise robs British exporters of the value of what they are selling. "It distorts our trade, but it is very

counter-inflationary," he said. The Chancellor's view that the strength of sterling will bear down on inflation gained immediate support from Govemment statisticians who attributed yesterday's news of falling high street inflation in

December partly to the pound. The combination of lower inflation and unchanged interest rates gave a strong boost to shares and British government bonds, although many economists believe that rates will rise next month. The FT-SE 100 index closed at a new record, up 38.6 points at 4,197.5, while gilt prices were

up by three quarters of a point. The annual rate of retail prices headline inflation fell to 2.5 per cent from 2.7 per cent in November. Underlying inflainterest payments, dropped to 3.1 per cent from 3.3 per cent. This was this measure's first monthly fall since May last vear, according to the Office

for National Statistics (ONS). Statisticians said that these falls, both larger than the City expected, could be attributed to tight competitive pressures on Britain's high streets and the effect of sterling's strong appreciation, particularly since August.

One example of the effect of the pound was falling prices in

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### Making tracks

The rail regulator has warned Railtrack that it must step up investment in the railways or face severe financial penalties. John Swift, the regulator, said current spending was "wholly unacceptable". Page 24

### Snowballing

First Leisure has earmarked £100 million for expansion that will create 2,000 jobs over two years. The plans include building two new snowdomes — indoor skiing centres. Economic view, page 27 | Page 28 Tempus 26

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# Ford cuts jobs as Siemens expands

By CHRISTINE BUCKLEY AND OLIVER AUGUST

FORD yesterday wielded the axe at its Halewood plant, cutting 1,300 jobs and Taking production of the Escort. But. while unions were preparing to fight the job cars — which will reduce Helewood's workbarce by a third — Siemens, the German electronics group, announced plans to create 7,000 loks in Britain by the millennium.
The Signers plans will be seen as

trony by workers stunned at the news of the Halewood job cuts and cut in

working time. Ford chose to halt manufacture of the Escort at Halewood while maintaining output of the model at a German plant where production costs are greater. Labour and the unions have blamed Britain's employment flexibility for an easy-come, easy-go opportunity for companies. Germany enforces tough labour laws requiring long periods of consultation before companies can sack workers. Unions at Halewood are seeking urgent talks with Jac Nasser, the

chairman of Ford Europe, in an effort

to halt the restructuring, which they

have condemned as a "suspended death sentence". Strike action at the 33year-old Merseyside plant is possible. Ford said the upheaval at Halewood was essential to its European operations. They made a loss of £279 million in the third quarter of last year.

Siemens, meanwhile, set out an ambitious wish list for its UK operations, fuelled, it said, by Britain's flexible workforce Jürgen Gehrels, chief executive, said: "We may one day run the M25 motorway." Siemens, the producer of the new BT phone cards,

Government's private finance initiative for public building works. Herr Gehrels said he was sorry to

see Ford's problems, but he emphasised that the UK was nevertheless a better place to invest than Germany because of its lower cost base and more flexible workforce.

The redundancy programme at Halewood starts immediately, with workers soon to be told of "enhanced" severance terms. The plant moves from a two-shift operation to one shift in April. Production of the Escort stops

# Railtrack told to step up investment

BY JONATHAN PRYNN, TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

THE Rail Regulator has issued Railtrack with its starkest warning yet that it must dramatically step up its level of investment in the railways or face severe financial penalties.

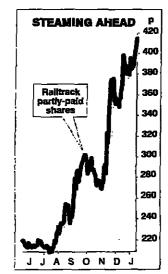
In a toughly worded statement to the company's board. John Swift, the regulator, said current spending was "wholly unacceptable" and that its stewardship of the railways was "disappointing in important agreets"

Mr Swift accused the company, which was privatised in May last year, of heavily underspending on track, signalling and stations. The total shortfall has been estimated at between £333 million and £700 million.

He called on Railtrack to deliver "an effective rail infrastructure renewal and investment programme in line with public interest objectives and with the basis on which Railtrack's access charges received regulatory approval".

Railtrack must show that it has "credible plans to deal with the backlog and should deliver on those plans, now that it is free from public sector financing limits," he said.

The rail industry's financial



regime had been set at a level to allow for infrastructure improvements of £3.5 billion up to 2001, he added.

Railtrack is financed mainly from track access charges that it levies the train operating companies, which receive about £2 billion of taxpayer subsidy a year.

Andrew Smith, the Shadow

Transport Secretary, said it was "intolerable" that a company receiving such a large public subsidy should be failing to invest in infrastructure. He urged the regulator to follow up his warning with "strong action to ensure Railtrack complies".

In a statement. Railtrack acknowledged the spending arrears, but said it was taking time to build up investment levels to meet "our ambitious plans". The company is due to publish its Network Management Statement next month, when it will be expected to reveal in some detail how it plans to investment in the network over the next decade.

Railtrack insisted that it planned to spend £8 billion by the time of the Regulator's next review of the financial regime in 2001. Mr Swift can cap the charges or even fine the company if it does not meet investment targets.

Railtrack shares, which have climbed rapidly since they were floated at 190p last year, touched a new record high of 41lp yesterday, despite the shot across the company's bows from Mr Swift.

Foreign investors have piled into the shares since the floration, in part because of the development potential of its vast property assets. Analysts pointed to a shortage of shares in the market because about 38 per cent are still held by the public. This makes it difficult for institutions to build up their portfolio "weightings" in Railtrack shares, which are in the FT-SE 100 index, forcing up the price.



Jon Richard, Anite chief executive, who is confident of increasing profit margins

before December 31, 1996, and

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The society said that some of the 55,000 had altered their

accounts in some way in the

weeks before the end of the

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were no longer eligible for the

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Others who did not qualify

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L&G's new

business

up by half

BY GAVIN LUMSDEN

LEGAL & GENERAL, the in-

surer, saw new business surge 54 per cent in 1996, its first rise

Equivalent premium in-

come, which measures annual

premiums and one tenth of

single premiums, reached E301 million in the UK.

David Prosser, chief executive, said the growth demon-

strated recovery in the market and L&G's strategy of provid-

through a range of channels.

Overseas business fell £3.5

million, to ESS.4 million, hit by

sterling's strength and reorganisation of the US subsidiaries, William Penn and Banner.

At home, the improving housing market pushed mort-

gage repayment products up 43 per cent, to £75.2 million.

group personal pensions, with

sales of annuities quadrupling

to £724.6 million, making it a

market leader. Individual pen-

sion single premiums rose 26 per cent, to £228.2 million.

Pep and unit trust sales rose

E28.3 million, to E205.7 million,

and L&C won 200 mandates to

manage £4.25 billion of new

L&G is to announce final re-

sults and bonuses for with-

prestigious premises near

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for three years while its

Whitehall headquarters are

There is already talk of presenting the Chancellor,

Kenneth Clarke, with a peti-

tion objecting to the move to

Camelford House, nicknamed the "Spook Centre",

on the South Bank at the end

of 1998. "It's a tip of the first .

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profit holders in March.

L&G was also successful in

products

average of £1,200.

### Anite sale of Case interests lifts shares

By Eric Reguly

ANITE GROUP completed its restructuring yesterday with the £42 million sale of the loss-making divisions that make data communications products. The disposals triggered a 6 2 p rise in the shares,

which closed at 47p.
The company, formerly
Cray Electronics, sold Case
Technology Denmark and
Case Technology UK so that
it could concentrate on
Anite Systems and Anite
Networks, whose specialities are software and net-

work integration.

The former was sold to Intel Europe, which makes computer chips; the latter went to Nileband, a new private company that was formed by Roger Holland, the former chairman of Anite, for the nominal sum of £1.

The two Case operations had net losses of £23 million in the last financial year.

Anite Systems reported interim profits of £28 million on turnover of £39 million, while Anite Networks was only marginally profitable on sales of £38

million.

Jon Richards, chief executive, said that the profit margins of Anite Networks should reach 5 per cent within a couple of years.

In the half year to October

3l, Anite reported a pre-tax loss of £63.5 million, which includes a surplus property writedown of £21.9 million, against a previous loss of £14.6 million.

The company said that the disposals leave it with £17 million in cash. The board will consider paying a final dividend in July.

which meant that the cheques

did not clear until the first

Also affected are those who

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In spite of a de-duplication

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London goal

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JUVENTUS, the Turin football club that won last

season's European Cup,

may become the first foreign

club to take a listing on the

of Fiat fame, will take the London listing because its profit record is not good

enough to be listed on the

Under Italian rules, com-

panies must show three

uninterrupted years of prof-

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the Milan stock market. Juventus made a loss in its

Italian press reports suggest

that the Agnelli family is to

restructure its controlling

shareholding in Juventus to

bring it to market. Other clubs

in Serie A. the Italian first

divsion, believed to be consid-

ering a share listing include

AC Milan, inter Milan and

Sergio Cragnotti, the owner

of Lazio, yesterday said: "We want to be the first club to get

the official quotation. We were

looking forward to a quick

quotation ... we have been

dealing with Consob [Italy's stock exchange regulatory agency] for this purpose."

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The club, which is controlled by the Agnelli family

separate voting packs.

week in the new year.

# US reviews Boeing's McDonnell merger

AMERICA'S Federal Trade Commission is to review the merger of Boeing and McDonnell Douglas, Janet Reno, the Attorney-General, said yesterday. European Union antitrust investigators also have autoomeed that they intend to review the merger to ensure that it complies with EU rules.

Bocing's \$13.34 billion takeover of McDonnell Douglas, amounced last month, would create a civilian-aircraft and military-aircraft powerhouse with projected annual revenue of \$48 billion, making it the world's largest aerospace company. It would have 65 per cent of the world jetimer market, almost double the share of Europe's Airbus Industrie consortium, its main rival. In America, both the FTC and the Justice Department have jurisdiction to review mergers. They negotiate to decide which will handle each merger and often both agencies are interested in handling large, high-profile mergers. The decision is usually based on which agency has more expertise with the industry involved.

### **Brokers to merge**

LOWNDES LAMBERT and Fenchurch, the insurance brokers, are to merge, forming a new company, the Lambert Fenchurch Group, with a stock market value of about £95 million. Fenchurch shares for every 1,000 Fenchurch shares for every 1,000 Fenchurch shares. The merger is expected to save at least £5 million before tax. Lowndes Lambert shareholders will hold about 72 per cent in the new group and Fenchurch shareholders 28 per cent.

### Mercedes chief goes

HELMUT WERNER yesterday resigned as chairman of Mercedes-Benz after a bitter struggle over the restructuring of Daimler-Benz, its parent company. Herr Werner had opposed plans that legally wind up Mercedes and make it part of Daimler. According to the restructuring plans, Mercedes will cease to be an independent legal entity and will become part of Daimler-Benz, represented on the board by three executives, one for cars, one for trucks and one for marketing.

### Scots defend banknotes

SCOTTISH banks have banded together to ensure the survival of Scotland's own banknotes should the UK Government decide to participate in European monetary union. Lord Younger of Prestwick, chairman of the Royal Bank of Scotland and a former minister, told its annual meeting in Edinburgh yesterday, that "the Scotlish banks have discussed the prospects for their own note issue with the Bank of England and the European Monetary Institute".

### Lanica shares fall 10%

SHARES in Lanica Trust yesterday closed 10 per cent down, at £13.87½, after a low of £9.37½. The fall followed a statement after the close of trading on Wednesday that ended speculation that Andrew Regan, the chief executive, was about to pull off a speciacular deal. Early this month, the shares, which were £2 last year, rose above £20 on rumours that Littlewoods intended to back its retail business into Lanica to gain a stock market listing. Lanica says it intends to stay an investment company.

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### Pearson chief buys

MARJORIE SCARDINO, the new chief executive of Pearson, bought 10,000 shares in the media and entertainment group at 17.76 each yesterday. John Makinson, finance director, bought 2,000 shares at the same price, raising his holding to 3,000 shares. The purchases came on the back of "buy" recommendations from Merrill Lynch and NatWest Securities, which expect Ms. Scardino to focus the company by selling some investments. Pearson shares rose 21p to 780'2 p.

### Triplex bid go-ahead

TRIPLEX LLOYD'S E58 million hostile bid for William Cook, its fellow engineer, is back on course after a Department of Trade and Industry decision not to refer it to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission. The bid — suspended while the DTI made up its mind — will now be decided by February 8. William Cook responded by challenging Triplex to issue a profit forecast. Triplex said that it had no intention of doing so, and that the City was well-informed about its prospects.

### Brooke better

BROOKE Industrial Holdings, the manufacturer and distributor of cutting tools, is increasing its total dividend to 3p a share, from 2p, with a 2p final after reporting pre-tax profits of £676,000 for the year to September 30, up from £410,000 in the previous 12 months. Earnings rose to 1.56p a share, from 1.1p. Turnover of £21.78 million compared with £18.9 million previously. The company raised £4.3 million through a rights issue in October to reduce borrowings.

### Digital Equipment dives

DIGITAL EQUIPMENT, the US computer manufacturer, reported second-quarter net income almost 80 per cent lower at \$31.9 million, compared with \$148.8 million last time. Earnings per share fell to 15 cents from 91 cents. However, the results beat Wall Street's expectations, and the shares surged. Digital's stock rose \$3.50, or more than 10 per cent. Robert Palmer, chairman, said: "I am satisfied with the progress the company demonstrated in the second quarter."

### **Speciality Shops buys**

SPECIALITY SHOPS, the retail property investment company, is to acquire the Pyramids shopping centre in Birkenhead from Wyndham Investments, the property arm of the Allied Domecq pension fund, for £26.75 million. The centre, completed in 1988, has 143,000 sq ft of retail space. Speciality Shops said that its gross assets more than doubled to £110 million in 1996, while net asset value per share rose to at least 145p from 134p.

### Plan for petition opposing South Bank move

### Deflation sets in at Treasury

By Morag Prest

TREASURY morale plumbed new depths yesterday after it was confirmed that mandarins will be moving to less are a chip shop, a gay bar and a strip joint."

Around 200 staff from the

Around 200 staff from the Treasury's state-of-the art offices in Victoria, who will eventually return to sharereduced Whitehall headquarters with its former inmates, are said to be particularly put out by the move. Parking facilities and the length of time it will take ministers in a hurry to reach Parliament are

other major sticking points.

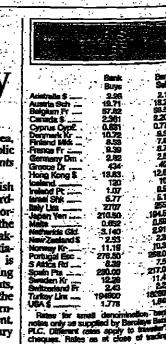
Responding to a parliamentary question yesterday the

Treasury said: "There are firm

plans to improve the area, including access to public transport, road improvements and general cleanliness."

The contract to refurbish

the Treasury has been awarded to the architect. Sir Norman Foster, and the programme will be undertaken as a Private Finance Initiative. When complete it is likely the rear of the building will house residential flats, with the Treasury in the middle and another government department at the front, which will deny the Treasury its door on to Whitehall.



THE SUNDAYTIMES

By CAROLINE MERRELL

THE Woolwich Building So-

ciety has admitted that 55,000 people have been sent

the wrong information about whether they qualify for shares in its £3 billion

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# Amicable, but hardly user-friendly

☐ Why the feeling is not mutual at ScotAm ☐ Newcastle's flotation out of Toon ☐ Lord Harris makes an honest pile

suppose so; to those outside insurance the subject is a complete enigma anyway. Yet even the rocket scientists on the research desks at the big securities houses were blenching and calling for strong onfiee when Scottish Amicable's plans for a stock market float sailed into view.

It was not so much the sheet troduce a more profits-driven culture and the returns to the owners, the with profits policyholders, will be greater.

Once ScotAm demutualises in mind-boggling complexity of it all it was why it had to be so mind-bogglingly complex, when the spring, the existing business is closed off and all new policies written thereafter go into a New Fund. Securitas takes 20 per cent of this, in return for an invest-ment of up to £45 million. Swiss Re has a matching stake in the entire group, old and new funds garded but unexciting runner in the mutual insurance pack founded in 1826, is bringing in some heavy friends from elseand the rest, in return for £350 million plus perhaps another £150 million in a couple of years.

This first payment funds a one off bonus to those policyholders, who control the other 80 per cent and can be relied on to ignore all but the most tempting takeover approaches, of which ScotAm has had a few.

This bonus goes into their existing policies to enhance terminal bonuses. On floration, shares in a group worth £1 billion are sold to the City. Those policyholders take out perhaps £200 million in a one-off pay-ment, enough is retained to fund future business and the rest is Swiss Re's return on its money. ScotAm believes the scheme

allows policyholders to benefit from any upturn in the insurance cycle and rises in premiums already detected, along with further gains in market share by independent financial advisers, to whom it is one of the leading suppliers. The pledge is to quadruple profits on the road to flotation.

This can be taken as an admission that improvement is overdue. ScotAm's market share may have grown in 1995, the last year on record, but it is still a modest 2.7 per cent of all life premiums — and the other fish in that pond are getting bigger and meaner.

### More followers than profits

DLET us all now bow down to the great god Foothall. Despite the hiccup caused by replacing Messiah Kevin with King Kenny, the Newcastle United flotation trundles on without deflection. A new chairman will preside over the float, while Sir John Hall, the architect of the revived Toon, will not even sit on



the public company's board. Given the near-universal worship of the Football god, the issue is bound to go well. Loyal Geordies will queue round the block. Supposedly sensible fund managers will don replica team shirts in order to hobnob with former footballers. But once the excitement subsides, there will be some serious losses to nurse.

Ignoring Newcastle, Coventry and all the other clubs saying they intend to float, and merely concentrating on the 19 clubs traded — be they on the main market, AIM, Ofex or in matched bargains - the football sector already has a market capitalisation of more than £2 billion.

There are substantial gineers, with boring things like factories, export markets and profits, worth less. The best estimates of annual revenues from pay-per-view TV for foot-ball are £2.5 billion. After the cut taken by the broadcasters and spiralling player salaries, the amount left for the shareholders is bound to disappoint.

And then there is the issue of

management. Until now, most clubs have been run as a hobby rather than as proper busi-nesses. Newcastle has drafted in a new management team, but Sir John will hover in the background with a controlling in-terest. This is the structure enjoyed by Tottenham Hotspur when Paul Bobroff ran the company and Irving Scholar the club. The result: near insolvency and stock exchange censure.

Newcastle has not made a profit during Sir John's reign, surviving only because he guar-anteed its mountain of loans from Barclays Bank. In the prospectus the company will admit to having lost £17 million last year and forecast no profit this year. It may have a brilliant manager, adoring fans and a unique place in the community. aspirations require the sort of faith that even a Messiah could

### A measured tread to this carpet sale

THERE is something unnerving about a business that is largely the creation of one entrepreneur. Any sign of waning confidence on their part is a good time to join them in the gradual, unobtrusive drift towards the exits, which is why directors' dealings and, in particular, the sale of a large chunk of the main man's holdings, should be of

Lord Harris's decision to sell a quarter of his holding in his Carpetright creation looks to be the exception, though. The sale might serve as a model for such transactions. He has made no significant disposals since the company was floated in 1993, despite the lifting of a self-imposed block on such share sales a year later. The market was informed of his intentions beforehand, and the sale carried

out in an orderly fashion to institutions. He has an excellent reason for wanting to sell, even if 54 is hopefully a good few decades too early to start worry-

ing about death duties. There is no parallel with the collapse of Lowndes Queensway in 1990, two years after he sold out. His family retains a fifth of the company, and Carpetright is determined to stay out of debt.

Little wonder that the City was queueing up for the shares. Lord Harris is one of the nicer businessmen it is possible to meet and plenty have reason to be thankful for his charitable work. No one is perfect, though, and he has one known character defect; it is impossible to remain in his company for long before he tries to sell you a carpet.

### Aerial view of 5

☐ FT IS not strictly accurate to say that up to three million households will need expensive new aerials because of the arrival of Channel 5. They need only put up the money if they intend to receive the station. We also learn this week that a sine qua non of working there, based on a quiz put to some job applicants, is the ability to name all five of the Spice Girls. Might a few of those householders decide the cultural riches on offer are not worth the extra expense?

# Lonrho chief says Bock sale has hit demerger

THE new chief executive of Mr Morrell said the inquiry Lonrho, the conglomerate will probably run until May. with extensive interests in Lonrho was reporting annu-al profits before exceptional Africa, admitted yesterday items of £170 million, a 13 per that his predecessor's sale of an 18.3 per cent stake to Anglo cent improvement on the pre-American, the South African mining group, has made it more difficult for him to Mr Bock's October sale via

deliver value to Lonrho's shareholders.: Nick Morrell, who recently succeeded Dieter Bock, said Anglo American's acquisition of Mr Bock's stake had "added to the complexities" of Lonrho's planned demerger of its mining and non-mining Amantaytau Goldfields project in Uzbekistan Mr Morrell businesses. The European Commission is investigating Anglo's purchase because of a said Mr. Book's critics lorgot concern that it may give the that he had underwritten a share issue at a premium to company undue influence in

Mr Morrell could give no indication as to the likely timetable of the demerger, although he recognised that shareholders would be unhappy if no progress had been made in a year's time. Lonrho will consider trade sales of its

an option at 180p prompted a businesses if that will produce collapse in Lourho's shares. a better deal for shareholders. although yesterday they rose 2p to 127p. However, Mr Morrell defended Mr Bock's Mr Morrell was otherwise unwilling to give further details of the likely shape of the continuing role as non-execudemerger. He said the comtive deputy chairman. "We felt pany was in discussions with various authorities around the he had a following in the market," he said. Mr Bock is world to determine the most also closely involved with the tax efficient structure. Lonrho wants to cut its debt of £494 million by about £200

chain, and was determined to obtain the best price. Lonrho is believed to be discussing selling the hotels, which are expected to fetch about £300 million, to Prince Alwaleed bin Talal bin Abdulaziz, the Saudi businessman. An £87 million charge on the

pre-Christmas sale of the Metropole Hotels to Stakis left pre-tax profits at £78 million (£161 million). Mining profits fell £13 million to £90 million because of low mineral prices and the devaluation of the South African rand. Adjusted earnings rose 34

per cent to 11.9p a share. Lonrho will pay a final divi-dend of 3p on April 7, giving an unchanged total of 5.25p. million before the demerger. However, the company said it would not be rushed into a

### Clyde cashflow enjoys 29% lift

By Carl Mortished

CLYDE PETROLEUM, the oil company fighting off a bid from Gulf Canada, impressed the market yesterday, reporting a strong boost to its cashflow in the year just

At the same time, the oil company predicted that average daily oil production would rise sharply from 41,117 to 60,000 barrels in 1999. Clyde shares rose from 117p

to 121p as the market absorbed the implications for the company's cashflow. The oil company has been waging a battle over the correct method to value the company, arguing that on the basis of multiples of cashflow, Gulf's bid of 105p per share under-values Clyde. Gulf has stated that net asset values are a

more appropriate measure. Malcolm Gourlay, chair-

company would soon produce a valuation of the company's reserves and full figures for 1996, including the dividend. Increased production and lower debt levels helped to boost cashflow by 29 per cent, to £127 million, the company estimates. Discretionary cashflow after deduct-

ing tax and interest rose by 37

per cent, to £113 million, or

27.6p per share. In a document sent to shareholders yesterday, Clyde refers to a report from John Heroid, the American consultants who state that Clyde should be valued at a multiple of 5.3 to 6.6 times discretionary cashflow. The calculation suggests a valuation of 1460 to 177p per share. This valuation was rejected yesterday by Gulf Canada.

### Shell seeks move into electricity

By Carl Mortished

SHELL, the Anglo-Dutch oil group, wants to build up a significant position in world electricity markets. Cor Herkströter, the chairman of Royal Dutch Petroleum and head of the committee of managing directors for the Shell group, said yesterday that the oil company intended to make substantial investments to develop a global electricity business from Shell's gas and coal reserves.

"We want to get into electricity generation. If we have not made substantial progress in five years we will not go ahead with it," he predicted.

Shell already has projects to develop electricity generation in the Phillipines and in Namibia. Mr Herkströter did not rule out acquisitions to build up a power supply The oil company sees the opportunity of linking the production of gas and coal to the electricity power point in the home. "We would not exclude being part of the whole supply chain," said Mr Herkströter. He pointed to China as a potential opportunity for Shell to invest in electricity generation because of the country's vast coal

no bids planned at present.

The decision to diversify into power generation marks a big change in strategy for Shell which has spent the past five years selling off nontraditional businesses.

In 1994, Shell sold its lossmaking metals business, Billiton. Shell's coal business has been a weak performer, but the Royal Dutch chairman said he saw opportunities to

# Menzies shares plunge 12% after profit fall

SHARES of John Menzies plunged 12 per cent yesterday after it reported a decline in interim profits, blaming poor trading at its Early Learning Centre (ELC) children's shops. And a trading statement from Hamleys confirmed that

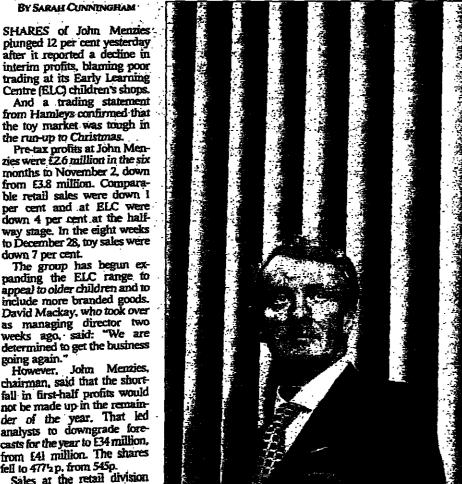
the run-up to Christmas. Pre-tax profits at John Menzies were £2.6 million in the six months to November 2, down from £3.8 million. Comparable retail sales were down i per cent and at ELC were down 4 per cent at the halfway stage. In the eight weeks to December 28, toy sales were

down 7 per cent. The group has begun expanding the ELC range to appeal to older children and to include more branded goods. David Mackay, who took over as managing director two weeks ago, said: "We are determined to get the business

going again."
However, John Menzies, chairman, said that the shortfall in first-half profits would not be made up in the remainder of the year. That led analysis to downgrade forecasts for the year to E34 million, from [4] million. The shares

rose 4 per cent to £192.5 million, mainly because of additional space, but it lost £6.2 million (15.6 million loss). Distribution services' sales grew 11.3 per

Menzies interim dividend is Hamleys said that sales rose 3.6 per cent in the five months to December 31, while in the 11



David Mackay intends to boost Early Learning Centre

end of December they were 5.6 per cent ahead. It said that trading in the three weeks before Christmas was below last year's level, but picked up

months from February to the significantly in Christmas week It said sales in January had started well and were

above last year's.

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### Proteus has regained self-belief, says Miller

By PAUL DURMAN

PROTEUS International, the drug discovery company, yesterday declared it had put an end to the "culture for failure"

that gripped it a year ago. Allen Miller, the former Welkome Foundation chemist who is research and development director at Proteus, said that when he arrived last March "people didn't believe in themselves, they didn't believe in a future for Proteus".

Proteus has repeatedly failed to meet its extravagant promises and would have gone bust last year but for a £9.5 million rescue share issue.

Under Dr Miller, Proteus is concentrating on a narrower range of drug targets. He has satisfied himself of the effectiveness of Prometheus, the company's much-hyped software for computer-aided molecule design (CAMD).

The company's other hope is the development of immunotherapeutics, such as the prostate cancer drug it has licensed to ML Labs. Proteus is also working on DNA-binding

David Gration, who has become executive chairman after last summer's surprise departure of Yurek Sikorski, the chief executive, said he was fully aware of our credibility problem", but Proteus's £8.7 million of cash gave the company "at least 12 months to get

on with the job". In the six months to September 30, Proteus trimmed its losses to £1.9 million (£3.7 million), helped by revenues of

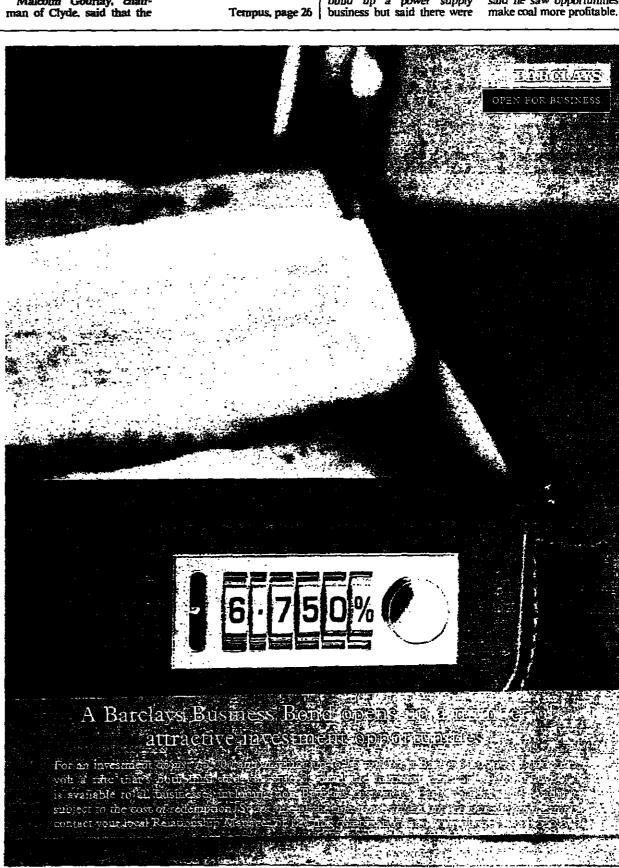
### **PSD flotation date**

PSD GROUP, the recruitcoming to the main market next month via a flotation that should see it valued at £40 million (Fraser Nelson

Hearn, PSD's founder and chairman, will become a paper millionaire after the flotation, with his 42 per cent stake in the company on course to be

valued at £16 million. Mr ment services company, is . Hearn, a former accountant, set up the company with £200,000 six years ago. After acquisitions, the last of

which was of Hoggett Bowers in 1994, PSD has become one of the leading recruitment agencies in Britain. It produced operating profit of £4.3 million in the nine months to September 30, after profits of



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STOCK MARKET



# Rate pegging sends shares on record-breaking run

peg interest rates at o per cent was the signal for another record-breaking run by share prices on the London stock market.

The apparent lack of activity by the Bank of England in the money market was enough to convince investors that the crisis was over, for the time being at least. It follows Wednesday's monthly economic meeting between the Chancellor and the Governor of the Bank of England.

Key points would have been yesterday's positive inflation news and Monday's less than expected increase in factory gate prices. These have destroved theories among many economists that there has been a build-up of inflationary pressures in recent months.

In the event, selective buying of leading shares and a positive start to trading on Wall Street paved the way for the record-breaking run by the FT-SE 100 index. After briefly hitting a new intra-day peak of 4,198.9 points, it closed 38.6 up

at a new high of 4,197.5. The equity market's dramatic rise in recent years is now starting to cause probiems for market-makers short of stock. A total of 960 million shares traded yesterday and dealers fear further volatility today as they try to cover short positions before the expiry of

the January options.
Among leading British Aerospace 152p to £12.94 as Kleinwort Benson, the broker, led the buyers. Blue Circle was wanted, adding 15½p at 391p on the back of encouraging comments by Merrill Lynch and Credit Lyonnais Laing.

Hanson also attracted much needed support, with the price rising 32p to 89p ahead of next month's demerger of its energy division.

A bumper set of half-year profits lifted Carpetright 7p to 598p. Lord Harris of Peckham, founder and chairman, took advantage of the positive response to raise almost £23 million with the sale of four million shares. SBC Warburg, the broker, placed at 5694 p. He now owns 12.08 million shares, or 15.2 per cent.

The recent strong performance of Abbey National showed signs of grinding to a halt, with the price sliding 122p to 784p after Credit Lyonnais Laing, the broker,



Nicolas Morrell, left, with Robin Whitten, Lourho finance chief

urged clients to take some profits and switch elsewhere in the sector.

Abbey National has come up from around the 500p level since the summer, supported by institutional investors. Laing now thinks the shares may have gone as far as they can for the time being.

Laing says that clients should switch into Bank of al, 12½p to £20.12½. Guardian Royal Exchange, 5½ p to 285p, and General Accident, 26p at

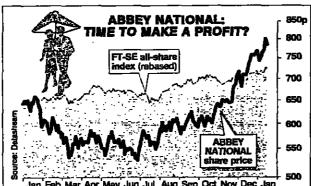
As expected, shares of Lanica Trust fell sharply first thing, touching a low of 9372 p before rallying to end 1622p down at £13.872. The company said after the close of business on Wednesday that it knew of no reason for the

The absence of a bidder for the two remaining independent Recs, Yorkshire Electricity and Southern, may force investors to think about fundamentals again. Dresdner Kleinwort Benson, the broker, says that of the two Yorkshire has the most going for it with only limited downside in the price, which rose 142p to 8332p.

Scotland, up 102 p at 3292 p, and Royal Bank of Scotland, 15p firmer 588 p.

The composite insurers benefited from bullish comments from Salomon Brothers, the US securities house. It has set a target price of 540p for Royal & Sun Alliance, which responded with a rise of 16p at 46812 p. There were also gains for Commercial Union. 132p to 728 p. Domestic & Generrecent "substantial" rise in the share price. Andrew Regan, chairman, said the company would continue to manage its investment portfolio according to the listing requirements.

As a result, it would not be allowed to invest any more than 20 per cent of its gross assets in any one investment. Lanica started 1996 at 95p and has been as high as £21 recently. It had been hoped



that Mr Regan would inject other businesses into Lanica when he took control a few months back.

Brokers shrugged off the profits setback at Lonrho, where Nicholas Morrell is chief executive, concentrating instead on the group's committement to proceeding with its demerger in order to enhance shareholder value. The sale of its Princess hotel chain was expected to fetch £300 million plus. The price closed 2p firmer at 127p.

Coats Viyella hardened 2p to 1392 p as several large lines of stock, including one million shares at 137p and a further million at 138p, went through the market. The price fell from a peak of 207p last year after a profits warning, but with the shares still yielding 8 per cent, it is starting to attract fund

managers again.
Fenchurch Insurance rose 92p to 702p after agreeing to merge with Lowndes Lambert, a rival, up 72p at 116p. The deal will give the enlarged group a price tag of E95 million. Cost savings of £5 million are expected to be achieved in the first year.

Premium Underwriting increased 13p to 153p on the news it had received approaches from a number of companies. It has now decided to postpone a placing of one million shares at 140p until the situation has been clarified.

A return to the black failed to cheer Osprey Communications, down 52 p at 31p, while Coda Group jumped 222p to 1232p in spite of plunging into the red with a loss of £4 million against a surplus last time of £1 million. ☐ GILT EDGED: Investors

gave a sigh of relief to the absence of rise in interest rates and the smaller than expected rise in the monthly rate of inflation. Prices were driven sharply higher from the outset, peaking around midday. In the futures pit, the March

series of the Long Gilt surged £2732 to close at E11034 as the total number of contracts completed surged to 129,000. In lones, Treasury 8 per cent 2015 jumped £2532 to £1032932.

while in shorts. Treasury 8 per cent 2000 ■ NEW YORK: Wall Street shares were higher in early

earnings reports and a stable bond market. At midday, the Dow Jones industrial average was up 31.56 points to 6,758.44. LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

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### **TEMPUS**

# Mining for jewels

LONRHO'S new chief executive, Nick Morrell, said little that clarified the future of the City's strangest company. Unsurprisingly, he wants the best possible price for its Princess Hotels. He remains committed to a demerger of its mining and non-mining interests, "or a combination of sale and demerger". Under that vague formulation. shareholders can only guess whether Lonrho will end up a pot of gold or a pig in a poke-

Lonrho is now shot of the Libyans (along with the Metropole Hotels), head office costs have fallen substantially, the African businesses are better managed and local representatives have replaced Tiny's renowned African address book. All that sounds encouraging until you remember that the former chief executive, Dieter Bock, has sold his 18.3 per cent interest to Anglo American. move for Mr Bock (he made an estimated £100 million) but other shareholders are nursing heavy losses as the market sensibly assumed that the South Africans (who now have 28 per cent) might have a different agenda to ordinary shareholders.

Angle certainly has no interest in receiving a fat dividend as Lonrho sells off its businesses. The South Africans like their funds offshore. More fundamentally. Anglo's interest in Lonrho may fall foul of the European Commission, which is concerned about the concentration of the platinum market. Breaking up Lonrho might well have released some jewels if the interests of the many were allowed to prevail. But it seems that Lonrho will once again be a plaything for African empire-builders.

### Clyde

HAVING run up the flag that says "cash is king", Clyde Petroleum demonstrated yesterday that it had plenty of the stuff. The cash flow figure for 1996 was well up at the top of expectations thanks to higher production and lower debt. Useful ammunition in its war of words with Gulf Canada but less important to investors than Clyde's prognosis about future oil production.

It is now clear that the market wants much more from Gulf than 1050 per share if the Canadian are to succeed in taking over Clyde. If cash flow is the measure, the question for investors is at what rate Clyde's cash is likely to increase and yesterday the company forecast a output by 1999. There are question markets over the forecast: Clyde must bring in production from 9/14B, the block acquired from BP,

without excess cost Suggestions that Clyde should be valued at 160p or more seem fanciful. The valuations commissioned by Clyde appear not to have been adjusted for debt which changes the equation. However, there is no blue sky in

Clyde's forecast of future barrelage. While the Canadians complain that current production is in decline, that is normal e e

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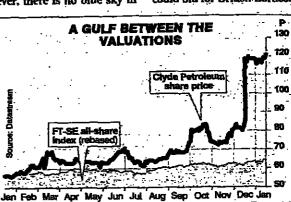
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for an oil explorer and a price of 125p is not ridiculous, representing only 4.6 times 1997 debt adjusted cash flow. If Gulf wanted undiscovered barrels, it could bid for British Borneo.



### First Leisure

AS THE bookies begin to win back custom from the National Lottery, that blue-rinse staple, bingo, continues to struggle. Bingo was the one blackspot in an otherwise strong set of figures unveiled yesterday by First Leisure, providing a pointer to the difficulties still faced by the other main operators including Rank and Bass.

All the big operators have invested heavily, transform-ing small bingo halls into new super-bingo emporiums that can offer better hospitality facilities and larger prizes But admissions continue to fall - First Leisure said attendances dropped 17 per cent on a like-for-like basis. The industry desperately may come from mooted deregulation measures, which will include a partial removal of the ban on advertising. But

the coming election could

First Leisure's bingo re-

further delay reform.

suits were also damaged by its policy of writing off development costs but that will have less impact next year. Bingo still delivers strong cash generation, helping to fund the £100 million investment programme. First Leisure's other staples, which include bowling, nightclubs, bars and health and fitness centres, look in good condi-tion and will benefit from economies of scale, especially from catering, as the company grows. A gentle increase in consumer spending should ensure that growth is

### John Menzies

CHILDREN are a disappointment to John Menzies. To be precise, a lack of childtrouble for the company's Early Learning Centres and these are being blamed for most of the woes at John Menzies. ELC has traditionally con-

centrated on the 0-5 age

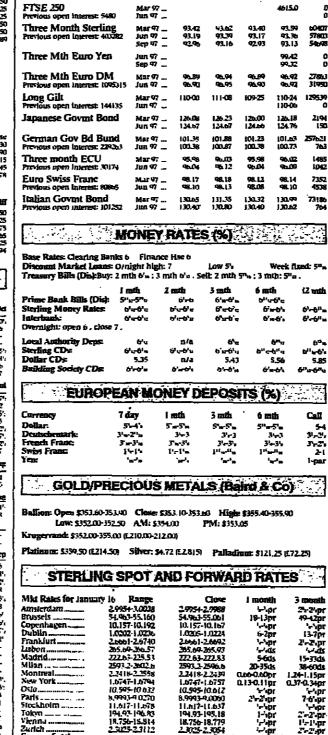
group. Such a narrow range has meant that the business is very vulnerable to dips in the birth rate and changes in taste among our smallest citizens. Sad to say, children these days spend a very short. period of their lives playing with wooden bricks and rocking horses; in no time they are on to Action Man and CD-Roms, which their parents do not buy from ELC.

Sensibly, Menzies is now looking at extending its ELC range to include products suitable for children aged up to ten. It wants to bring in more branded products. But the trick will be to maintain the distinctive character of the business; ELC is held in high esteem by its customers and too much change could be damaging.Putting more shelf for older children sounds sensible. However ELC has many competitors and Menzies will have to act quickly to regain lost ground.

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Other fish to fry

LORD HARRIS of Peckham has learnt from his past mistakes. He will not be spending his E24 million windfall on carp. He did that the last time that he sold a stake in his carpet company, and has been rueing the day ever since. His 100 carp are lying low this month, keeping warm at the bottom of their giant pool in Kent. In summer, however, the odd one will feed straight from their owner's hand. But Lord Harris is giving them away, one by one. They are the worst investment, he curses. "They die, and then who wants to buy them when they're dead? I don't want them to die, but I wouldn't do it again."

Standing down

MEANWHILE, the Tories may soon be seeking a new top-level fundraiser. Lord Harris, also highly successful deputy treasurer of the Conservative Party, is expected to leave the job after the election. The carpet multimillionaire, who spends just four days a week at Carpetright because of his fundraising commitments, said he wants to spend more time with his business and his family after the election. Sounds omnous

TWO magnums in the wine trade have been swallowed up by the courts. Tony Mason, trading director of Majestic, and Richard Macadam, managing director of Oddbins, are on jury service.

Licensed to call

A FORMER prime ministop the list of well-known subjects with whom Americans would most like to speak over the phone, according to a survey by MCI One. American men plumped for Baroness Thatcher, while women in the US went for Sean Connery. Bad news Tony Blair, John Major was hot on the 007 actor's heels.



Connery: topped survey

Home fixture

GOOD news for Mark Corbidge, the former mer-chant banker who is steering Newcastle United to the stock market. He has found somewhere to live at last. Since joining the club in the autumn. Corbidge has been squatting at the Gosforth Park hotel and commuting back to his wife and new baby in Leeds. His move coincided with a massive investment in the North East by Siemens.

Plain wordy

A LEAKED circular from Lloyds Bank lands on my desk. It is a "Change of Titles" memorandum that ought to have the supporters of the Plain English Campaign choking on their vowels. For example "With effect from January I, the Operations segment within branches will be known as Customer Services - both managers, operations and operations managers will in future be titled customer services manager."

AND you thought Securities and Futures Authority was a mouthful. Germany's securities regulator. which met in London yes terday for talks with the SFA, is the Bundesaufsichtsarnt für den Wertpapierhandel

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**ECONOMIC VIEW** 



ANATOLE KALETSKY

# Can Brown learn Clarke's tricks?

INFLATION AND INTEREST RATES

If the pound is too strong, it brings balance of payments and inflation troubles

nce again Kenneth Clarke has shown better economic professionals in the financial markets. The Chancellor's decision to raise interest rates by only a quarter point last October was a quarter point too much for my liking, but it was not remotely tough enough to satisfy the City commentators baying for economic blood.

Ever since the Budget, City commentators have been foaming at the mouth about a repeat of Nigel Lawson's boom-bust cycles. But there has been no Christmas shopping frenzy, despite the reports of consumer stampedes on the high streets.

Demand was decent in the Christmas sales, but by no means excessive. More importantly, as evidenced in vesterday morning's inflation figures, there has been very little sign of inflationary pressure originating from the steady increase in consumer spending and jobs. Against this background, it was hardly surprising that Mr Clarke decided against any further increase in interest rates this

Mr Clarke, then, has clearly won the first round of his battle to convince the markets that British economic policy needs nothing more dramatic than a modest mid-course correction. There is no Lawson-style boom under way and none on the horizon, despite the Pavlovian association between Britain's supposedly "politicised" system for conducting monetary poli-cy and destabilising pre-elec-tion booms.

Forgetting politics and looking purely at the economics, Mr Clarke has almost certainly been right not to tighten economic policy any more than he did in November, But looking further ahead, is it really possible that Novemher's quarter point increase in base rates will be all the monetary tightening needed for the foreseeable future? And has the Budget, reasonable though it was as an interim measure, really done enough to maintain a sensible rate of demand expansion and put Britain's public finances on a

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sound footing in the long-

term? The answer is surely that, although we are not facing any kind of emergency, more action to restrain the economy will eventually be required. Britain is not on the brink of an unsustainable boom and, in common with the rest of the world, is benefiting from a long-term structural decline in inflation. But this does not mean that

demand should be allowed to accelerate unchecked and that the modest cyclical build-up in inflationary pressures to-wards the end of this decade should simply be ignored. The from crude and heavy-handed licies against inflation. But having gone through all this pain, a situation has now been created in which it is relatively easy to control inflation and it would be folly to throw this opportunity away. It is inevita-ble, therefore, that some further tightening in monetary or fiscal policy or both will therefore be required in the next few years. The question is how this tightening should be imposed. In the short-term a realistic judgment continues to be what it has been all along: that base rates would rise one more time before the election, probably at the next "Ken and Eddie" meeting on February 5, which will come just after the publication of fourth-quarter GDP figures, provided these figures are reasonably robust. After that monetary policy will quite sensibly be put on hold until

after the election. What happens beyond that will depend on who wins the election and what tax and spending policies they adopt. The general assumption is that interest rates will rise enigmatic quality called "fi-nancial confidence" and sacrifice all their other policies to 'defend" the pound. It is quite possible that Gordon Brown's first act in office will be to step straight

become preoccupied with an

back into the straitjacket of a financially oriented monetary policy, from which Britain was liberated on White Wednesday. This is, indeed, the most likely prospect. If so, Mr Brown's main priorities will

### 6 In the Lawson boom, financial by-products of house price rises did the real damage ?

quite sharply if Labour is elected, but will move only slightly, peaking at 7 per cent or lower, in the unlikely event of the Tories being returned to

This would be a reasonable view if Britain were still operating in some kind of fixed exchange-rate system. When monetary policy is guided by the currency markets, the paramount considerations are not, as they should be, the prospects for domestic demand. Instead governments

table. He has a unique experience of this, having defended

Northern Electric against the

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bility" with the financial markets and to show off his virility as a champion of the hard pound. He will raise interest rates sharply, allow sterling to float upwards and set in train the real boom-bust cycle which has dogged British economic policy for almost 100 years: the boom of an overly strong currency followed by the bust of a balance of payments and

There is, however, another possibility. Perhaps Mr

inflation crisis.

be clear; to establish his "credi-

ly drawn by Kenneth Clarke from the failures of Nigel Lawson and Norman Lamont. The Tories, on the other hand, could ironically find themselves suffering from their own successes if they were returned to power. Suppose, first, that the Tories win the election. There would quite possibly be a

Brown could realise that every

previous Labour government

was destroyed by an overly strong exchange rate and

learn the lessons so successful-

further upsurge in consumer confidence as Tories went out to celebrate, while Labour voters drowned their sorrows in the shops. More seriously. the stockmarket would enjoy a runaway boom as the threat of the windfall tax was lifted. There would also be no prospect of any government action to discourage consumers from spending the £20 billion worth of building society windfalls that they are due to receive in the next 12 months.

Taking all these factors together, an increase in interest rates to 7.5 per cent or even higher would be reasonable to expect, and even to support. Without an increase in interest rates to well above 7 per cent, there would begin to be a serious risk of economic over-

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In addition, Mr Brown could

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revenues and various tax-

avoidance loopholes. These

would bring in substantial tax

revenues and reduce the bud-

get deficit significantly from

1997-98 onwards, without

breaking any election prom-

ises or damaging the buoyant

With a little ingenuity, Mr

Brown could also devise poli-

cies to encourage building so-

ciety windfalls to be channell-

ed into long-term investment

rather than consumption and

to prevent rising house prices

from leaking into consumer

spending through "equity re-

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boom, it was these financial

by-products of the house price

boom that did the real damage

to the economy, not the rise in

If Labour were imaginative

and alert enough to produce a

tight post-election Budget

along the lines above, the

monetary outlook for Britain

would be transformed. Inter-

est rates would have to rise

only very slightly, if at all, to

control inflation and no fur-

ther action would be needed to

preserve financial confidence

and assure a stable and rea-

Is this just wishful thinking?

Probably. But Kenneth Clarke

has surprised the pundits and

the markets with his good

judgment and his willingness

to learn from his predecessors'

mistakes. Perhaps Gordon Brown could pull off a similar

sonably valued pound.

house prices per se.

prospects for jobs.

acts in office.

Mis-selling started at top

LETTERS

From Mr John Page Sir, I endorse almost all the points that Pennington makes over the appalling pensions mis-selling

However, I must take exception to the words 'how far up the industry the misselling went'. It didn't go up - it started at the top and to a very large extent did not percolate down. The fact that, to them, fairly inconsequential fines are being levied on the blue chip banks and life offices surely proves this.

We have a hard enough time in a murky world please do not put us in the same category as the institutions who are presently under fire from regulators. Yours faithfully.

JOHN PAGE Heywood Robertson Investments Limited, 44 Welbeck Street, Wi.

### Direct transfer of shares

From Ms Susan Kelly. Sir, I was sorry to read Colin Dennison's letter of January 7 about the Halifax's refusal to issue his free share allocation in the name of his wife, not least because I had been intending - more in hope than expectation — to ask them to perform a similar service for me. However. Mr Dennison is misled in thinking the transfer of the shares after issue to be uneconomical in small quantities: direct transfers between individuals do not go through a stockbroker and can be done with a stock transfer form and the price of a stamp. In the hope that this cheers up Mr Dennison, i remain Yours faithfully. SUSAN KELLY. 227 Popes Lane, W5.

### Not in the can yet

From Mr Simon Spalding Sir. In his article on January o, Richard Thomson recounts observers' views on DreamWorks "failure to make a splash with a big film or an animation Given our first feature film is not due out until later this year and our first animated film until 1998. might I suggest that these observers are indulging in a little premature wishful thinking. Could it be they don't want a new kid on the block?

Yours faithfully, SIMON SPALDING, DreamWorks SKG. 2 Roundwood Avenue, Stockley Park. Uxbridge, Middlesex.

# Flexible ways of the Panel exceptionally hard to beat

harles Dickens, were he alive, would find a worthy target in the Takeover Panel. The very name conjures images of gas lamps and cobwebs; of greying gentlemen pondering leather-clad tomes in dingy offices, the air thick with smoke and decay. It has the air of a Victorian institution, a cosy club, an anachronism. All the more startling, when one considers that this most august of City institutions is

not yet 30 years old.

"clubbishness" has dogged the Panel over the years, and with good reason. All but one of its directorgenerals - the head of the executive that takes the day-today decisions - has been drawn from the ranks of merchant banking. Meetings take place behind closed doors. Decisions are published in stiff communiques.

Arcane, perhaps — yet the Panel insists that it is any thing but a club. Its membership is as diverse as one could hope for spanning Bank of England appointees, industrialists, bankers and regulators. These "non-executives" are one step removed from the hands on Panel executive. made up of bankers, lawyers and accountants seconded from their respective firms. The executive takes the decisions. The Panel sits to hear appeals, and holds quarterly meetings - as it did on Wednesday evening. The structure is flexible and re-

sponsive, steered by the guid-

ing principles of the City code two-year secondment from SBC Warburg, concedes that on takeovers and mergers. bankers and corporate finan-And its offices? They may be a little basic, but dingy is going too far. The Panel ciers often find themselves at opposite ends of the same

Jon Ashworth on a watchdog keen

to preserve its freedom of action

occupies the entire twentieth floor of the London Stock Exchange, literally and metaphorically overseeing its constituents. It might be a little iacking in frills - try telephoning it, for instance — but one should not be too harsh. The Panel is often in the news, most recently in the

case of Northem Electric and the matter of an undisclosed fee to Barclays de Zoete Wedd (BZW), its adviser. Yet, penetrating the fog remains as difficult as Panel execu-

ever. Alistair rent directorgeneral of the tive, insists the "dub" image don't think the idea that it is a cosy City club stands up

to inspection," he says. "What think we are is a very efficient way of resolving disputes that inevitably come with disputed bids, with speed, flexibility and, above

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The Stock Exchange, home to the Takeover Panel

all, with fairness. Mr Defriez, who is on a

pressed. Mr Defriez says: "We banish from our minds any thought of who's going to win, and who's going to lose, not invouring one side or another. We're like a referee at a sporting event. Do we award a penalty if a foul has been committed? Our main purpose is to ensure fair treatment for investors in the target company, and fairness between competing bidders.

apply the code according to the spirit, not just the letter."

The Panel has presided over more than 6,000 take-

overs since its formation in 1968, and prides itself on its non-statutory status. This freedom to move without recourse to the courts was endorsed in the wake of the Guinness Affair, although Brussels poses a continuing threat. A proposed European Commission directive, published in a watered-down form in February 1996, has yet to go before the European Parliament.

Vague as it is, the directive would compel the Panel to transpose itself under a legal framework, making it much more open to legal challenge. Mr Defriez says: "It would be easier for people to take a grievance to court. What we fear is essentially tactical litigation - the defending side trying to stop the whole

Directives are normally implemented at the national level by statutory means. Peter Frazer, a long-serving member of the Panel executive, had this to say, ahead of his retirement last year: "We have survived for so long because we can be flexible. and can evolve to meet new situations. We can move quicker than any court or judge. And because we are voluntary, we get exceptional, high-quality seconded staff." Mr Defriez and his col-

leagues will be hoping the arrangement continues, whatever the Panel's detractors say. This is one membership that cannot be bought.



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# in Nigeria

BT yesterday won a contract, estimated to be valued at more than \$1 billion. to install and operate a network of one million phone lines in Nigeria over the next five years. The contract was awarded to BT Telconsult, a subsidiary, by NITTI, the holder of Nigeria's second telecommunications licence. NITTI's founders include the Emir of Kano, head of the Hausa tribe, and the Ooni of Ife. nominal head of the Yoruba tribe, who want to modernise the telecoms

### lines is less than one per 100 head of population. McKay higher

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McKay Securities, the property development and investment company. lifted pre-tax profits to £1.68 million. from £1.4 million. in the half-year to September 30, reflecting new lettings at Staines, Bicester, Sutton and Parkside, and lower interest costs. Earnings were 4.6p a share (4.4p). The interim dividend is increased to 2.3p a share, from 21p.

### **BLP** disposal

BLP Group, the wood veneer manufacturer, is to dispose of Berg-Profiles. its American division. A management buyout team will pay \$2.1 million for the business and assume debts that stood at \$1.53 million at the end of December. Berg-Profiles lost \$140.000 in the year to December 31, 1995, Disposal of the division will will give rise to a goodwill charge of £250.000.

### Easdaq \$1bn

Easdaq. the pan-European stock market for growth companies, will have a total market capitalisation of more than \$1 billion less than two months after securing its first listing. Shares of Mercer International, a company incorporated in America but based in Switzerland in the pulp and paper manufacturing sector, will begin trading today, giving the company a market capitalisation of Sto0 million.

# BT agrees | First Leisure goes for growth with £100m investment plan

By Alasdair Murray

FIRST LEISURE has earmarked £100 million for new openings across its leisure businesses that will create about 2,000 jobs in the next

The projects include the building of two new snowdomes - indoor skiing centres - and rapid expansion of the newly created health and fitness chain.

The company said that it would spend about E55 million on new investments this year, compared with £30 million in the previous year.

First Leisure yesterday un-veiled a 9 per cent increase in full-year pre-tax profits to £44 million. Overall turnover rose 5 per cent to £183 million. Michael Grade, chairman,

said the company had benefitted from a sustained improvement in consumer confidence throughout the autumn. But shares in the company fell 812 p to 336p because of profittaking and concerns about the impact of the cold snap on Christmas trading.

The nightclub and bar division increased profits 16 per cent to £22 million. The com-



Graham Coles, First Leisure's finance director, left, and John Conlan, chief executive.

pany said it had improved corporate and party business at its venues and was aiming to add six new nightclubs this year, bringing the total to 40. The company will also con-

tinue the expansion of its Brannigans pub brand from the existing four sites. Profits in the sports division rose 15 per cent to £13 million,

boosted by rising admissions

Small firms

voice fears

on 48-hour

work week

BY DOMINIC KENNEDY,

SOCIAL AFFAIRS

CORRESPONDENT

MOST small businesses fear

the maximum 48-hour work-

ing week being imposed by

Brussels and the minimum

wage proposed by Labour,

according to a survey today.

Nearly every employee who works more than 48 hours

does so as a volunteer, the

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merce discovered after ques-

tioning 517 firms, each with

fewer than 50 staff.

and spending at the company's bowling centres. First Leisure, of which John Conlan is chief executive, said that it was aiming to develop a wider entertainment concept at the

centres, building arcade at-tractions as well as bar and restaurant facilities. The company added that the first Snowdome, at Tamworth, traded well in its first year.

The resorts division, which includes Blackpool Tower, increased profits 15 per cent to £10.7 million. But profits in the bingo division fell from £1.7 million to £200,000 because of the continuing negative im-pact of the National Lottery and write-offs for new openings.

Bingo admissions declined 17 per cent on a like-for-like basis, although First Leisure said that spending per head was above expectatio

The company said it would continue with its programme of new openings under the Riva brand and that it was confident of being in position to benefit from prospective deregulation measures. Profits in the theatre division also fell.

The company added that recent trading remained gen-erally strong. The total dividend was increased 9 per cent to 8.44p. A final dividend of 5.93p is payable on April 8.

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# Surveyors sight building revival

By Christine Buckley, industrial correspondent

CONSTRUCTION is on course to come in from the cold this year after further improvement in the amount of work at planning stage. Workload in building has

risen to its highest level since 1993, according to the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors, which also forecasts more optimism for the industry. The latest Rics survey shows a rise of 2.4 per cent in construction workload in the last quarter of 1996, compared with the previous quarter, and a 4 per cent increase on the

from the Ries are seen as a good indicator of future growth because of the earlystage involvement of surveyors in building work. Richard Houghton, for the Rics, said: "Progress made by the construction industry over the last 12 months is nothing short of remarkable. With conditions in place for sustained growth, there is good reason for optimism. The industry remains extremely competitive, with margins cut to the bone. With a greater number of developments now committed, and more to come on stream, it is full steam ahead

same period in 1995. Workload and expectations

for the construction industry."

Private commercial developments have fuelled much of the workload increase, with that sector up 3.5 per cent. Private housing halted its long-term decline and held steady in the last quarter. Social housing, however, fell by I per cent on the back of cuts in government grants announced in the Budget.

The Department of Trade and Industry is consulting employers about imposing a 48-hour week after the European Court of Justice rejected the UK's challenge to the directive. Almost half of British small firms rely on at least one member of staff working

Only 9 per cent of those workers have such a long week written into their contracts. The rest are volunteers. The 48-hour week is op-

posed by 67 per cent of small businesses, mainly because they believe working hours should be decided between employer and worker. Only 10 per cent support the directive.

A statutory minimum wage, which has been promised if Labour wins the election, is also widely opposed. Only 19 per cent of small firms thought it was the best way to

wage is crucial. If it was set at £3.50, as aides to Tony Blair. the Labour leader, have hinted, it would affect just 15 per

# **Allied Textiles** sees profit slip

BY OLIVER AUGUST

in a former communist business venture has yet to benefit the manufacturer and processor of textiles. Pre-tax profits fell from

E18.9 million to E18.4 million in the year to September 30 for Allied Textiles, which last year acquired Halbmond, a carpet maker more than 100 years old, situated in Saxony, eastern Germany's new industrial powerhouse. Under communist control. Halbmond supplied rugs to the Soviet bloc.

Allied's earnings per share fell 0.8p to 18.7p. The full-year dividend is up to 7.8p, from 7.3p. Peter Honeysett, Allied chairman, said: "It will take time to integrate this longterm investment into our business and harvest its undoubted profit potential.

ALLIED TEXTILES' interest - The impact on our profitability is unlikely to be significant for the next couple of years." The group said its diversified businesses all operating well in line with their budgets overall", as a rise in activity

continued into the new year.

Mr Honeysett said: The directors remain committed to the improvement of shareholder value by organic growth, acquisition and by disposal where necessary, and we are looking forward to yet another satisfactory outcome to the current year."

He said of the carpets side of Allied: "Carpets has been a beneficiary of much management attention as we have sought to restore the fortunes of a sector of our business which has underperformed for a number of years."

### BUSINESS ROUNDUP

### Eastman Kodak rises to \$1.25bn

EASTMAN KODAK, the photographic systems and products company, reported a rise in net earnings to \$1.28 billion for 1996 from \$1.25 billion in 1995 and launched a \$2 billion share buyback.

Net earnings fell in the fourth quarter to \$164 million, from \$275 million, while earnings per share fell to 49 cents, from 90 cents. The quarterly dividend is increased to 44 cents a share (40 cents). George Fisher, chairman, said that the company continued to improve its cost structure. Revenues were \$15.96 billion in 1996, rising from \$14.98 billion previously, with fourth-quarter revenues of \$4.41 billion, compared with \$4.19 billion. The company has seen growth in emerging markets, including China, Russia and Eastern Europe.

### Goldsmiths placing

GOLDSMITHS GROUP, the retail jewellery chain, is raising £4.05 million through a share placing to accelerate its branch opening programme. Jurek Piasecki, chairman and chief executive, said the company, which trades under the Goldsmiths and Walker & Hall banners, planned to open 15 branches each year. The company has abandoned plans to acquire the UK jewellery business of Signet. Shares of Goldsmiths are being placed at 370p. Existing shares rose 9½p to 389½p yesterday.

### Intercare in the red

INTERCARE GROUP, the supplier of healthcare and mobility products, incurred pre-tax losses of £1.12 million in the year to the end of October, compared with profits of £2.48 million in the previous 12 months. Losses were 6.7p a share (earnings of 5.3p) and the total dividend is held at 3.5p a share, with a 2.8p final. There was a net charge of E3.26 million against disposals. Profits from continuing activities were E2.2 million (E800,000 previously).

### Coda losses at £4.9m

CODA GROUP, the specialist computerised accounting systems company, reported pre-tax losses of £4.9 million for the year to October 31, compared with profits of El million previously. Losses were 18.8p a share (earnings of 2.5p), and there is again no dividend. However, the shares rose 222 p, to 125p, after the company reported progress in restructuring its distribution channels, with a number of new clients being won. Last year the shares traded at 289p.

### Nobo dividend held

NOBO GROUP, the specialist presentation and business products company, is holding the interim dividend at 2.29 a share. In the half-year to November 1, the company, lifted pre-tax profits to £919,000, from £880,000. Earnings were 4p a share, little changed from 4.0lp previously! Group turnover fell to £22.8 million, from £23.5 million, reflecting a 9.5 per cent decline in sales generated outside the UK. The shares closed unchanged, at 93 p.

### Vega lands £4m order

VEGA GROUP, the software and systems engineering company, has won a £4 million-plus order to develop simulation and real-time test control systems for the Ministry of Defence's Land System Reference Centre. Vega, part of and consortium led by Syntegra, the systems integration business; of British Telecom, also reported pre-tax profits of El.4 million (£1.27 million) for the six months to October 31. Earnings rose; to 6.35p a share (5.9p). The interim dividend is 1.91p (1.75p).

# Finelist leads car parts market after £61m deal

By Fraser Nelson

FINELIST is to become the biggest distributor of car parts in Britain with the purchase of Ferraris, the specialist car supplies merchant, Tomkins for £61 million.

Chris Swan, Finelist's chairman, said the deal was the culmination of a 50-year relationship between the two comnanies, and will deliver immediate cost savings. The buy, which includes

debt of £9 million, is being financed by £16 million in shares, and a rights issue to raise £35 million. Ferraris is the market leader in specialist car parts supplies. It runs 17 warehouses and, like Finelist, guarantees same-day delivery. Finelist carries a more limited range, but operates from a



network of 218 stores. While the two companies will be run separately. both order from common suppliers. Finelist said that joining forces would

profit from the automotive industry's shift towards a smaller client base.

Finelist is offering 11.6 million new shares at 3200 each on a 4-for-17 basis. Its shares raced 3212p to a new high of 39712p yesterday, valuing the company at £196 million.

The deal comes six months after it bought Motor World. Britain's second-largest high street parts dealer, for £48 million. Mr Swan, who floated Finelist at £28 million three years ago, said the merger had gone better than expected. He said overall trading was

going well, and forecast a 73 per cent leap in profits for the six months to December 31, to more than £7 million. The interim dividend is expected to be

tackle low pay.

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cent of the firms. At £4.25, which the TUC is likely to demand, it would affect 55 per cent. Most firms believe such a high minimum would reduce their profits, 44 per cent would have to cut their workforce and 33 per cent would increase prices.

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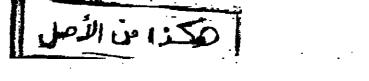
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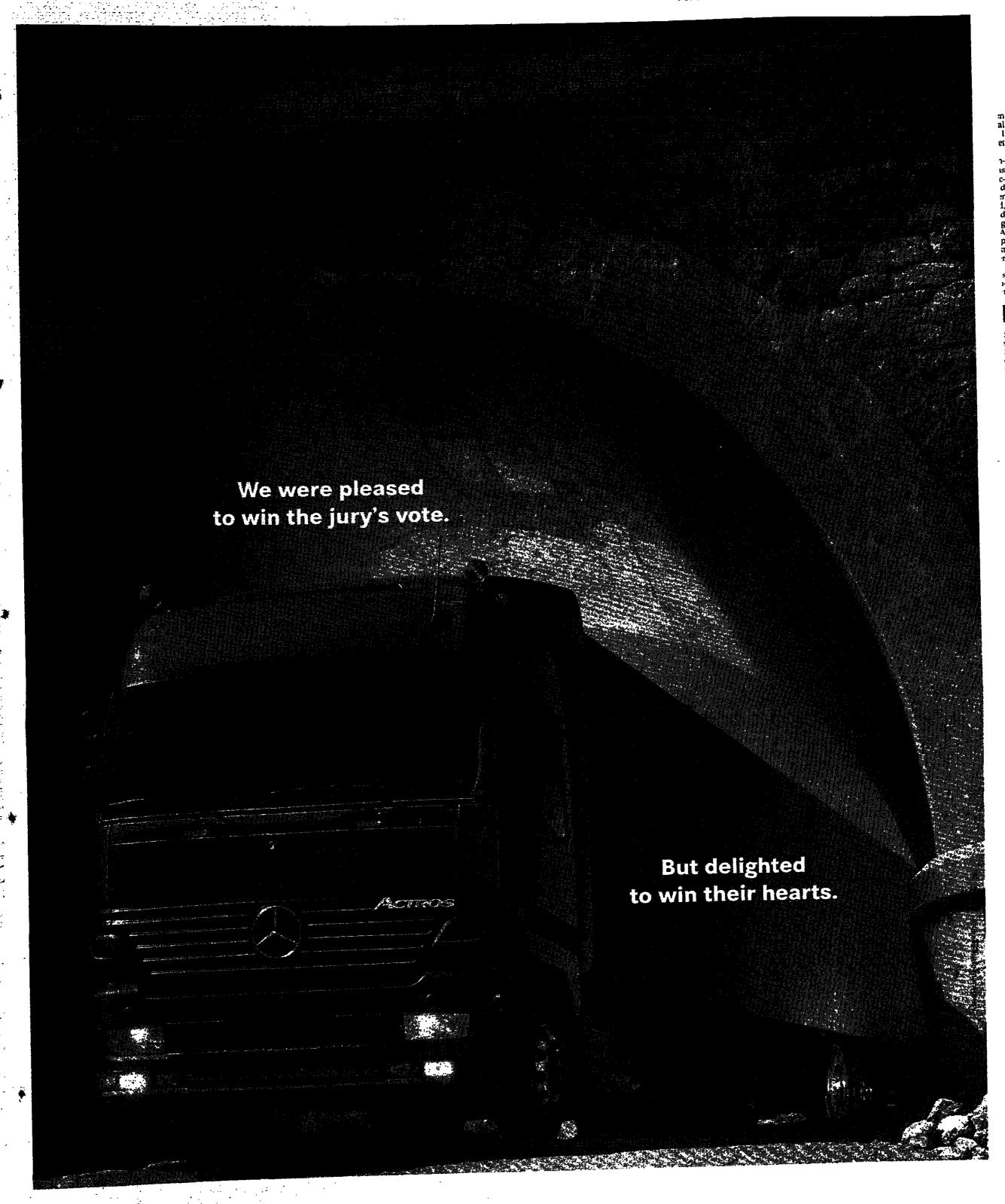
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LIVE MUSIC

### Ring in the new

FOR anyone who fears that when Sir Simon Rattle leaves the CBSO the orchestra's interest in contemporary music will go with him, reassurance is at hand. Sakari Oramo, who will be taking over from him next year, is clearly dedicated to the cause. Although he will not often have the opportunity to conduct a programme as challenging as that which he performed with the BBC Philharmonic in a Studio 7 concert this week, he has both the ambition and the

technique to do it. The most problematic item was Kaija Saariaho's Du Cristal: a mass of sound rolling, turning, writhing and thrashing about in a manner which is as disconcerting as it is exciting. Oramo retained external control over it without taming its inner turmoil. No less encouraging was the performance of Lutoslawski's Chantefleurs et Chantefables which — with the conductor's wife, Anu Komsi. as the

BBCPO/Oramo Manchester

Having begun the concert with Magnus Lindberg's Away, written three years ago in memory of Witold Lutoslawski, the BBC Philharmonic was no doubt relieved to end it with Nielsen's Fourth Symphony. The Inextinguishable is not an easy score, but its difficulties are at least familiar. For the audience, on the other hand, close to the sound in Studio 7, the experience was anything but familiar. The structural profile was firmly and effectively drawn: the textures needed the perspective of a larger hall.

### **One-woman jukebox**

ALTHOUGH Eddi Reader won a Brit award as recently as 1995, she has perhaps been better known in recent years for her role in the television series Your Cheating Heart. Others are most likely to recall Reader's time with one-hit wonders Fairground Attrac-

tion and their only hit. Perfect. At the Bridewell she presented a classy and mature set of songs, mainly drawn from her impressive last album. Candyfloss and Medicine. Reader cuts a strange figure in her pigtails and glasses, breaking into a hopeless hippy dance routine last seen at Stonehenge circa 1972. You

cannot help but love her for it. Musically, too, she is full of surprises. Sometimes she sounds country, often she sounds as if she comes from California rather than Caledonia. Then she slips into Butterfly Jar, with its vaguely Arabic feel, followed by a Cubantinged Find My Love.

soprano soloist poised between expressive innocence and technical sophistication was a delightfully detailed display of instrumental and vocal characterisation.

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### Eddi Reader

Bridewell, EC4 She is a musical chimera: one minute her voice reminds you of k.d. lang, the next of the late Sandy Denny. At other times she sounds like a female Nick Drake or Tim Buckley. The effect is compounded by her tendency to drop snatches of other songs into her own numbers, so that All or Nothing briefly becomes Patsy

> Come All Ye. The end result is not the mish-mash this might suggest, but a beguiling mix that sums up Reader's unique talent. The word that kept springing to mind was not so

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The Polish composer Witold Lutoslawski, who is celebrated at the Barbican this weekend, always denied that his passionate music mirrored the turbulent events of his life.

# Last chance for new music

Richard Morrison reports on the belated attempts to persuade f. even at this late hour in music-lovers that 20th-century composers have something to say

the 20th century, the British public still fails to , be enthralled by 20thcentury music, it won't be for lack of opportunities to hear the stuff. In the last few years there have been dozens of festivals devoted not only to top avant-garde names -Boulez, Berio, Ligeti, Birtwistle. Stockhausen - but to many cultish minor ones as well. Taxpayers and BBC li-

tingly generous patrons of music that 99.9 per cent of them will never sample. And the contemporary-music blitz is intensifying. Once, the feeling was that you could convert people to an adoration of the discord by slipping it surreptitiously into concerts. For instance, a stren-

uous atonal number might be sandwiched between a Rossini overture and a Tchaikovsky symphony. But audiences hat-ed this condescending subterfuge. You don't go to a bookshop to buy Pride and Prejudice only to be told that you can't have it unless you read Finnegans Wake first.

proach is favoured. You don't present one difficult work by an avant-garde maestro: you throw his entire oeuvre at the public, plus lectures, exhibitions and film-shows. It's exhausting and exhaustive, and great fun for fanatics and critics (who may, of course, be the same people). And when it works, as with the Phil-harmonia's recent Ligeti se-

ries, there is a real buzz.

But does it get through to the ordinary punter? This spring we may find out, for never have so many contemporarymusic blockbusters been presented at the same time. Simon Rattle's ten-year Towards the Millennium series bursts into life again with a dash through the often preposterous but entertaining classics of the 1960s. Similarly ambitious, the BBC's threeyear Sounding the Century

project starts next month. The London Sinfonietta surveys the best new British composers in one mad February weekend. And this weekend the intrepid BBC Symphony Orchestra leads a bold Barbi can celebration of Witold Lutoslawski, presenting 30 works by the Polish composer who died three years ago. Since much contemporary music is still regarded as

"impossible" even by regular concertgoers, why do its passionate champions in the BBC and elsewhere persist in pouring money into it? The cynic would answer that these are people whose jobs depend on trick. That is too brutal an analysis. The passion is mostly as sincere on the one side as the incomprehension is genu-ine on the other. The problem is one of continunication.

> **6** Certain composers act like high priests in a secret cult 9

When we encounter anything new we look for a handle to grasp. The trouble with the postwar avant-garde was that the music itself rarely offered a handle. Beethoven, Brahms and Mahler rejoiced in making explicit their symphonic drama. Too often the hardline serialists actually strove to conceal their thinking.

And even those who wrote emotional, accessible music as did the genius being celebrated this weekend - often approached the matter of enticing the public with all the

enthusiasm of scientists working in a secret missile bunker. That was certainly the case with Lutoslawski. His life was

the history of 20th-century Europe in microcosm. His father was executed by Bolsheviks, his brother executed by Nazis. He himself was cap-tured by Germans in 1939, escaping to live under cover in Warsaw. Later, he was declared persona non grata by the Soviet Union, but he lived to help to supervise Poland's first democratic elections.

It was a remarkable life. Yet Lutoslawski not only discussed it with reluctance, he also refused to confirm what seems obvious to all his admirers: that his intensely dramatic music mirrors real events. "For me, the two worlds, musical and actual, don't overlap," he told me. And to underline his point he offered this example: "I conceived my First Symphony during the German occupation of Poland. Any day you could be taken to Auschwitz, or shot. Yet it is a rather cheerful work!"

Such smoke-screening reticence is, in its way, admirable - and was perhaps a necessary part of Lutoslawski's mental equilibrium. But if Lutoslawski's champions had more effectively put across his story" - no matter how lowbrow such an approach might seem — then many more people would be attending the Barbican or tuning to Radio 3

The fact is that when it comes to grabbing an audi-

avoids the most

common pitfall

associated with

ence for serious art — particu-larly in the face of competition from hugely-hyped films and suchlike - most tactics are legitimate. The purists may object to prying biographies that reveal the sex lives of great writers, or compilation alboms that extract "greatest documentaries that "trivialise" major artists. But these are all extending a welcoming hand to outsiders. Unfortunately. the dominant post-1945 composers affected a snooty dis-

dain for such tactics. Today the tide is turning. In America composers such as John Adams grab their public by ripping operatic plots straight from the news headlines. The minimalists win big audiences by laying out their musical techniques like children's building bricks: a direct break with European obscurantism. The exciting younger generation of British composers attract big, predominantly young followings with a corus-cating brand of quasi-political or religious fervour. And the intelligent adult end of the rock market is increasingly overlapping with contemporary "classical" music.

Rather late in the day, 20thcentury composers and their impresarios have realised that they are in the mass communications business, not high priests in some secret sect. We don't owe composers a living," a silly politician once snorted at me. Actually, we do the best of them, anyway. But they owe us something in return. They must never retreat into their ivory towers

• Lutoslawski is at the Barbican (0171-638 8891) until Sunday

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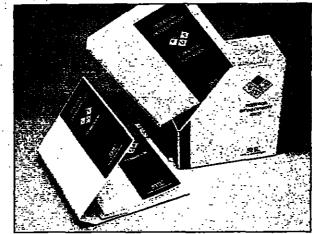
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# Oliver's antidote to attitude

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Dippermouth Blues (ASV CD AJA 5218) WHETHER or not this particular 73-minute selection from the music of jazz's great pio-neer does indeed, as billed, consist of "his 25 greatest" recordings is highly debatable; what is beyond dispute is that it provides a fair representation of a uniquely important career. Beginning with the legendary Creole Jazz Band, it covers the various line-ups known as the Dixie Syncopators that operated between 1926 and 1928, and culminates in the more sophisticated arrangements Oliver's orchestra recorded in 1929-30. At its best Oliver's music provides a welcome antidote to much of

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has been combining the tal-ents of both

expatriate and visiting Americans with those of European musicians to great effect. This album documents the band's 1970s work, with the playing of stellar guests such as tenorman Joe Henderson (whose meltingly lovely Black Narcissus is the set's highlight), guitarist John Scoffeld and drummers Elvin Jones and Peter Erskine. This rich collection sheds welcome light on a comparatively neglected area of jazz — the European radio big band tradition — and highlights some great

**BIG BAND DE** LAUSANNE WITH JOE LOYANO AND KENNY WERNER

(TCB 96502) PERHAPS because it is built round pianist/arranger Kenny Werner's own rhythm section, and features an old Werner sparring partner - saxophonist Joe Lovano - this US-European collaboration

such projects: the "parachute" syndrome, whereby stellar talents drop in, amaze the locals, and are then spirited away to fresh glories elsewhere. The fact that the bulk of the compositions are provided by Lovano (two thunderous bustles) and Werner (three absorbingly multi-textured themes) also helps, but it is the commitment, skill and adaptability of the Lausanne regulars that scal the album's success. Lovano takes the lion's share of the soloing duties, but it is

of this fine live recording.

Werner, whether as soloist, composer, arranger or conductor, who is the artistic hub

original, and a hypnotic Waterloo which Abba's theme to wistfully melancholy modern jazz.

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With vocal cords to die for, Brian Kennedy deserves fame outside Ireland as well as inside



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They are big in America, but can Bush persuade the home market that the grunge sound still has legs?





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**POP ALBUMS** 

Daft Punk, the duo of Thomas

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ing here, they now release one

of the most eagerly awaited

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collage of beats and sound

effects, it somehow contrives

to put the most minimalist

arrangements to epic effect. At

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screeching and banging of Rollin' & Scratchin' and

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convey an insanely propulsive

sense of urgency. In complete

contrast are numbers where

the ghost of 1970s disco is

revived thanks to the use of

folloping, octave bass lines.

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ern formats. A mixture of gloomy atmospheres and slow

shuffling beats, it is essentially

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Singer Roya Arab has a

cool, jazz-influenced voice, but

she rather spoils it by writing

lyrics such as "Go away, you

fill my headspace with evil thoughts unkind". Mean-

while, rapper Rosko John

makes a valiant effort to keep

the energy level above zero. Sometimes the enterprise

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thing more than the sum of its

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# Improving the life of Brian

He's bigger than Boyzone in Ireland.

Alan Jackson meets Brian Kennedy

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e has one of the most extravagantly beautiful male voices in popular music, recording modern originals that at once stay within the Celtic tradition and update it. He is also a dazzling interpreter, able to make you hear as if for the first time lyrics made famous by Sam Croke. say, or Van Morrison. His new alisum, A Better Man, held even teenheroes Boyzone off the top spot in their native Ireland. And Morrison prizes him so highly that he has awarded him residency in his band. So why doesn't Britain realise the star it has in Brian Kennedy?

"My daily life has often

seemed like an attempt to wade through the syrup of the music business with whatever honesty and integrity I can muster," says the man who, if talent is rewarded, will-end 1997 with a far higher profile than that with which he

One of six children brought up on Belfast's Falls Road, he recalls a

childhood punctuated by the sounds fried bacon, so they wanted to make of explosions and sirens, and says that the sense of confinement this brought went beyond the merely geographic. The sense of being mentally enclosed goes in tandem about the wider world."

Now 30, Kennedy remembers courted one. in with the boy-code of playing sport and lighting. Music meant nothing there. I was mortified when, in a class of 25, I was the first to repeat a note. pitch-perfect for the singing teacher; the implications were at once awfuland really great. Iracreasingly, after that, I got a reputation for having a bit of a voice. Still, though, singing remained a largely clandestine

At 16. Kennedy was invited to join-his older brother's five-piece band. After 18 freezing months living together in a caravan, a squat in north London, a few doors down from that occupied by fellow Belfast band The Adventures, seemed a warmer option, and Kennedy abandoned his Alevels to cross the Irish Sea. "I had to

give singing a good shot, because nothing else made me feel as useful. He gons at the memories surrounding his emigration. I moved here on, July 11, 1985. The flight from Bellast took an hour, but I was an hour, and a mander of their from hour and a quarter getting from Heathrow to Tottenham on the Tube - I remember thinking, just how big is London? And two days later it was Live Aid. Suddenly, it seemed like the whole world was having a party." Reality soon hit.

"Simple. We needed money to live, The answer lies in an almost and that meant getting jobs, immediatabook case of adventures good and a target the others thought, building bad in a potentially wicked world. This Built in moved away from home

to make it as a singer, not a construction worker, so I fell into performing in plane bars instead." From Irish-themed wine bars to nightspots such as the Hippodrome, he refined the art of crooning Cole Porter to candlelit couples. At weekends, it was But they'd spent their time digging holes in the

road and wolfing down loads of aggressive noise, whereas I... Creative differences, in short.

Disengagement was painful, but a suggestion that he listen to and learn from the Billy Idol LP Rebel Yell with physical enclosure. And you finally made it necessary. At once, he either accept that, or hunger for a was a solo artist, and, thanks to the different reality. After I got ever my interest of The Adventures menture imital fear of it. Phecame very curious Simon Fuller (later to manage Annie "Lebnox and the Spice Girls), a much-

as to why an impressive debut aibum, 1990's The Great War of Words, made zero impact on daytime radio programmers and, hence, on record buyers. "I was so proud of it, and had worked so hard, and naively thought that my enthusiasm would enthuse other people. When it didn't, I was left thinking, 'But it's really good. What else does it have to be? Fashionable, I now realise."

A similarly acoustic second LP made with the former Fairground-Attraction writer Mark Nevin met a similar fate, and a dispirited Kennedy found himself accepting Fuller's advice to negotiate his way out of his



Brian Kennedy: "I'd settle for being at this same level in 20 years' time, if it meant I could still be singing live"

deal with RCA. "It felt oddly good to be a free man again. Afterwards. I spent two months travelling slowly by rail from New Orleans to New York, getting up to sing in places if I felt like it, or the situation arose naturally. People would say, 'Great!

You should do this for a living, and I'd reply, 'No, I don't think so." A voice this good cannot stay silent, though. "If you call yourself a singer. you should be out there singing," is

his own admission. And, gradually, his luck began to change. Morrison, on hearing Kennedy's version of his song Celtic Ray, asked to meet him: a four-year stage and studio friendship has resulted, with the younger man's vocal presence reviving memories of the veteran's own, earlier self. Better still, perhaps, he has had the satisfaction of being re-courted and re-signed

"I'd love to be the most successful

singer who's ever been, because of the artistic freedom afforded you at that level," he muses. "Equally, 1'd settle for being at this same level in 20 years' time if it meant I could still be singing live and making records."

If justice is done, he will be closer to the former than to the latter come the

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BUSH are one of the great unexplained pop phenomena. Named because they come from Shepherds Bush, the band have struck a huge chord in America, where their debut album, Sixteen Stone, has sold five million copies. Yet in Britain the same album sold fewer than 50,000 copies.

This glaring contrast speaks volumes about the gulf between British and American tastes. While our key artists have either rediscovered the verities of good, straightforward songwriting or else pionecred new directions in dance, the American heavyweights remain stuck in a posi-grunge quagmire.

By some curious cultural quirk Bush have got the latter formula to a T, even going so far as to hire Steve Albini (who produced Nirvana's In Utero) to oversee Razorblade Suitcase. The result is an album which shamelessly apes the Nirvana sound and songwriting style, but never achieves the ferocious sense of mission or transcendent melodic appeal of Kurt Cobain's band.

Gavin Rossdale's voice alternates between a croaky, edge-of-despair rasp and a full-blooded howl of anguish. But the words are as meaningless as the titles: "Best of my ability/ Chasing watercans/ Here's tomorrow man/ Best of my civility," he sings, as if proclaiming some painful, yet unspeakably profound, truth.

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Cool in the Seventies, tiresome by the Nineties: Caitlin Moran debunks a famous 50-year-old

The last three weeks have seen column miles taken up with "David Bowie is 50!" tributes — you know the kind of thing. "He's broken the 50 barrier, he knows what drum'n'bass is, and he still does crazy things with his hair!" How, we might wonder. has Bowie kept the secret of

that he hasn't. There are a million ways of illustrating how embarrassing Bowie is now; how he has become sumblind from staring into the

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journalists, on spotting the name "David Bowie" on a new album, listen to it with rosetinted ears that they wouldn't lend to any other lost, desperate AOR scene-jumper. Imagine a world where

David Bowie was a primary school teacher from 1965-1997. On reaching the age of 50, he decides to send off some songs he's recently recorded in his shed. Do we really believe that record companies would eagerly sign up a 50-year-old man with no new ideas, wonky eyes, manky hair, LA teeth and a tartan suit, who talks like an animatronic statue in Piccadilly's Rock Circus? Of course not, because there's already one Michael Bolton. and the world isn't crying out for another.

Most artists have a "point" to them — Oasis are there to be huge and anthemic, Pink Floyd were there to be huge and druggy: New Order were there to be sleek, melancholy and modern. When any band change their essence, be it through loss of a band-member or a new musical direction. then they have to be reevaluated - otherwise the music press becomes a bizarre House of Lords, with critical respect being doled out "hereditary through some

David Bowie's "point" was to be a wired man from Bromley, inspiring new scenes as and when the mood took him, and being justified in doing so through the ribcrushing genius of his musical output. When his music lost the power to bruise a shrew. let alone crush ribs, then his constant reinvention no longer became an interesting talking

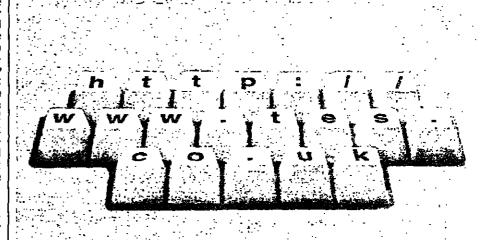
I guess it depends what generation you come from -

Bowie in his flash, brash, trashed years there will be oceans of forgiveness before they give up on him. However. anyone under the age of 25 will probably have first come to Bowie twitching his thespmuscles as the Gnome King Jareth in Labyrinth, and then back in amazement through ten years of appalling albums (Black Tie White Noise, Outside, Tin Machine). bewildered as to why the man

was so lionised. On reaching the Mature Years (18,19), one might finally tire of The Wonder Stuff, and get around to listening to some classic albums", of which Bowie has many. When playing the heroically ruined Low one would finally see the point of Bowie, and indeed come to love him as one loves one's own internal organs; and would therefore further resent this crange-faced bandwagonjumper that is Eighties and Nineties Bowie. Why couldn't we have had him in the halfway decent years?

is involvement with ply embarrassing, and brings to mind the dozens of third-rate bands in the late Eighties who noticed the "Madchester" scene was lucrative, and suddenly developed a "dance element" to their music. Bowie's adventures in drum'n'bass are quite clearly normal, sixth-rate Bowie songs with drum'n bass loops tacked to them - and even that stunt isn't original: Everything But The Girl were doing it two years ago.

So, to recap. In the Seventies he was Ziggy, the Thin White Duke, impeccably cool. The Eighties: designer suits. designer wife, Tin Machine. The Nineties: he's been out-reinvented by a singing dental assistant and her husband. What is the point of David Bowie now?



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FRINGE THEATRE: The 1997 Guinness Pub Theatre Awards; plus a delightful solo show



Sarah Downing and Karl Townsend of the Reflex Theatre Company rehearse their award-winning show Lock In at The Lescar pub in Sheffield

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Tou stroll down to the local for a quiet pint and what happens? counting out your change when a couple leap to their feet, announcing that they are competitors in a game that is a cross between Cluedo and Reservoir Dogs, and you and your fellow drinkers must

nary murder. Regulars at The Lescar, in Sheffield, will become embroiled in this improbable scenario in April, when two actors from the city's Reflex Theatre Company launch into Lock In, one of the shows coming to a saloon bar near you soon, courtesy of the Guinness Awards for Pub Theatre.

Eighteen professional and three amateur companies have received awards worth a total of £150,000 at ceremonies

CAROLINE Blakiston is currently at the Pit, playing a stately bluestocking to hilarious effect in Molière's Learned Ladies. But a gap in the RSC's rep brings her and her delightful solo show, Black Bread and Cucumber, to the little Jermyn Street Theatre for the next ten days.

recalling the trips she made in the early Nineties to what stopped being the Soviet Union, and started to be Russia, in order to play Charlotta, the eccentric governess, in The Cherry Orchard.

Daniel Rosenthal on a growing initiative to bring

theatre productions to pub-goers all over Britain

The barman is still Britain. By year's end, 145 pubs from Argyli to Belfast and Bristol will have staged 42 Guinness-backed shows. Last vear's inaugural scheme had a much narrower

help them to solve an imagireach: seven pub theatres in London each won £10,000. and the chance to develop their winning production with the Royal National Theatre Studio. For 1997, the project was expanded to foster a nationwide pub theatre circuit. "By bringing shows into staged live drama, and which,

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simply clearing away tables to

create makeshift auditoria. Until he agreed to stage Reflex Theatre's Last Orders for three nights last summer. pubs which may never have . Paul Wyatt, landlord at The Lescar, had only booked folk in many cases, are located and jazz bands and comedi-miles from any theatre, we ans. The Lescar isn't your typical disco and karaoke pub. but we'd never offered the-

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of risk in booking Lock In for a whole week, but I think it'll go really well."

Reflex artistic director Liz Tomlin, relishing a £7,000 award seven times larger than her average production budget, says: "The young people who watch our pub shows wouldn't generally go to a proper theatre like the Crucible, so we're trying to convince them drama can be as entertaining as live music."

Nick Hennegan, the artistic director of Maverick Theatre, one of four Midlands winners, paints a similar picture: "Around 30 per cent of our pub audiences have never been to a theatre, and another third go at most twice a year." Maverick's £9,000 award

- a venue which, says Mc-Donald, "is probably paradise

her first performance, so with virtually no rehearsal she found herself with a deeply grieving company, acting opposite a stand-in. Her show needs running in and:

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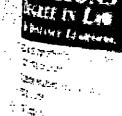
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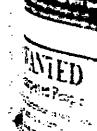












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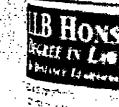
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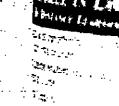
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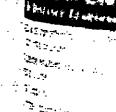
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The defendants sought an order dismissing the plaintiffs' claim for

that the revocation was a nullity.

ntiffs resisted that, contending

It was common ground that the

EPC as such was an international

treaty, taking effect only in inter-

national law. The UK provisions

which implemented it were con-

Section 77(4)A, as inserted by paragraph 21 of Schedule 5 to the Copyright, Design and Patents Act 1988 provided that the provided the provided that the provided the provided that the provided the provided that the provided that the provided the provided that the provided that the

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patent was to be treated as having

been revoked under the 1977 Act.

liament only required a European

patent (UK) to be treated as revoked if that revocation was in

accordance with the Convention.

So it was argued that the words

vited and required an inquiry

into any purported revocation to see whether it really was in accordance with the EPC and that

it was open to the patentee to rebut the prima facie conclusion that the

ng that the tribunal ordering the

revocation did not act in ac-

His Lordship said that he had no

doubt that the defendants and the

comptroller were right when they

said that all Parliament had re-

mired in the 1977 Act was proof

that the EPO had, acting in purported exercise of its powers

under the Convention, revoked a

European patent. Once that was shown then English law automati-

cally treated the European patent

and the European patent (UK) as

The comptroller in making the

This country had agreed with

other member states of the EPC

that the final arbiter of revocation

titled to complain if this country

The 1977 Act caused its decisions to

national law. But its decision

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The plaintiffs argued that Par-

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### Damages for patent infringement Effect of European revocation

Regina v Comptroller of Patents. Designs and Trade Marks, Ex parte Lenzing AG Lenzing AG v Courtauld (Fibres) Ltd and Others

Refore Mr Justice Jacob Judgment December 201 When a European patent granted

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by the European Patent Office, ich took effect in the United Kingdom as a European patent (UK), was subsequently revoked hy the EPO Board of Appeal, the mperoller of Patents, Designs and Trade Marks was obliged on receiving notification of the revocation to make an entry to that effect in the UK's register of patents.

A decision of the EPO was an international decision which was not subject to the supervisory jurisdiction of the national courts norwithstanding that the Patents Act 1977 caused the EPO's decisions to be recognised in the UK as a matter of national law.

Mr Justice Jacob so held sitting as an additional judge of the Queen's Bench Division when dismissing applications for ju-dicial review by the plaintiffs, Lenzing AG, and in the Patents of the Chancery Division when dismissing the plaintiffs claim for infringement of patent by the defendants. Countaulds Fibres Holdings Ltd. Courtaulds pic and Courtaulds Fibres Ltd.

Mr Peter Prescott, QC, Mr Mark Hoskins and Mr John Mr Simon Thorley, QC, Mr David

for the Home Department.

Regina v Same, Ex parte ... O'Brien

A blanket prohibition on the use by

a journalist of material gathered on a visit to a prisoner unlawfully

interfered with the prisoner's right

Mr Justice Latham so stated in

the Queen's Bench Division in a

reserved judgment when allowing

applications for judicial review by

an Simms and Michael O'Brien.

they could not receive visits from

journalists unless the journalists

gave undertakings that no ma-

during visits would be used for

Mr Tim Owen and Ms Philippa

Kaulman for the applicants; Mr

Sieven Kovats and Mr Adam Robb

MR JUSTICE LATHAM SEE

mandatory life prisoners, of de-cisions of the Home Secretary that

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professional purposes.

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Ex parte Simms

to free speech.

Before Mr Justice Latham

[Judgment December 19]

Waugh for the defendants; Mr Richard Arnold for the Comptroller of Patents, Designs and Trade Marks.

MR JUSTICE JACOB said that until 1978 a parent for an invention in the United Kingdom could only be obtained by application to the UK Patent Office under the procedures laid down by the Patents Act 1949 and the rules made nursuant

Patents in other countries had to

be obtained by applications to the national patent office of each concerned. That was widely regarded as wasteful. particularly since each country laws of validity and infringement. Accordingly in 1973 several European countries entered into the European Patent Convention (EPC) which set up the EPO in Mirnich The Patents Act 1977

which came into force in mid 1978.

was passed to give effect to, inter-alia, that Convention. The broad position thereafter was that the EPO operated as a central processing patent office for the states which were members of the EPO once the EPO granted a patent it took effect in each state in the same way as a patent from the national office of that state.

An EPO patent took effect in the UK as a European patent (UK). One could not simultaneously have a European patent (UK) which was granted by the EPO

unless the interference with the

right to freedom of speech was the

the legitimate requirements of the

prison service as set out in section

47 of the Prison Act 1952 could be

met, the standing orders and guidance under which the under-

takings were sought were ultra vires: see R v Secretary of State for

the Home Department, Ex parte Leech (1994) QB 198). His Lord-ship was bound by Leech.

The right of free speech included

a right of access to the media. His

Lordship considered that a restric-

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nicating orally with a journalist on a visit unless an undertaking were

The test was whether the restric-

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Regina v Secretary of State . that the applicants argued that

patent office. There was a system of opposition whereby it was ble to apply within nine months to the EPO to have a European patent revoked and a revocation worked for all designated states as a central knock-

In 1989 the plaintiffs applied for tent in the EPO for a process for making cotton-like fabric from wood, and the patent was granted in 1992. Opposition was entered in the EPO by, inter alia, Courtaulds pic who believed that the patent represented a major threat to their investment in new plant in the UK.

. In 1996 the EPO Board of Appeal revoked the patent. The decision to revoke was duly communicated to the comptroller who caused an entry to that effect to be made in the UK register of patents. The communication took the form of the supply of information on a tape or disc which the comptroller simply ran to alter the electroni-cally kept register. He did not and did not purport to exercise his

The plaintiffs applied for a variety of forms of relief arising out of the allegations that the EPO Board of Appeal had mishandled the opposition to their patent and wrongly ordered that it be revoked.

They sought judicial review of the decision to revoke and of the comptroller's decision to mark the UK register of patents with the revocation. Alternatively, the plaintiffs invoked the the jurisdiction of the Patents Court to order

Prisoner's right to free speech Rule 33 (1) of the Prison Rules (SI 1964 No 388) was lawful in including "the interests of any persons" as a material consideration when

deciding what restrictions were

appropriate on communications

ween inmates and others. It followed that the prohibition on communicating with the media by letter save where the inmate was making serious representa-tions about his conviction or sentence or was otherwise part of a serious comment about crime, the processes of justice or the penal system, met the Leech test.

Once it was accepted that the right of free speech entitled an inmate to write to the media in that restricted way, the right of access to the media to make the identical given was a restriction on free points orally seemed to his Lordship to follow unless there was some justification for restricting tion was necessary to achieve the that form of access, as there undoubtedly was in relation to statutory objectives of keeping the visits within sensible bounds for elephone conversations

the ordinary management of the prison and the discipline and The blanket prohibition on making use of material obtained in a control of inmates. Proper discivisit was not justified. pline and control included consid-Solicitors: Bindman & Partners; eration of the effect of immates'

Treasury Solicitor.

Gerber Garment Technology Incorporated v Lectra Sysrectification of the register entry. and served a writ for infringement on the defendants, one of its principal commercial adversaries

Before Lord Justice Staughton Lord Justice Hobbouse and Lord Justice Hutchison infringement on the ground that the patent had been revoked. The Judgment December [8]

There was no rule of law which limited the damages recoverable by a patent holder against an infringer to the profits which would have been earned in activities for which the patent provided a monopoly. The judge was en-titled to make no findings as to what actual sales the patent holders would have achieved, and instead to award a percentage of profits which might, but not necessarily would have been made by the patentees' empire.

Damages could also be awarded for loss of profit for patents which were endorsed licences of right by virtue of paragraph 4(2)(c) of Schedule I to the Patents Act 1977 and damages were not limited to the basis of a reasonable royalty. The Court of Appeal so held in a

reserved judgment in an appeal brought by the defendant infringers, Lectra Systems Ltd, against the amount of damages awarded by Mr Justice Jacob on March 20. 1995 to the plaintiff patentees, Gerber Garment Technology Inc for infringement of their patents. In addition, the Court of Appeal

held (Lord Justice Stau dissenting on the facts) that although in principle the parent of a wholly owned subsidiary could recover damages in respect of the parent's loss by reason of the subsidiary's misfortune when the subsidiary had no cause of action and the parent did, in the present case those losses had not been

Mr Geoffrey Hobbs, QC and Mr lain Purvis for the infringers; Mr Christopher Floyd, QC and Mr Mark Vanhegan for the patent entry in the register was acting in a purely administrative capacity, just recording what had been

LORD STAUGHTON said that the invention for which the two patents were granted was a machine or process for the automatic cutunder the new legal system was the Board of Appeal of the EPO. Other states would be justly enting of fabric, known by the acronym CAM, computer assisted manufacturing. The appeal could be dealt with under four heads. were to ignore such a final I What was the scope of recovery for infringement of a patent? The EPO was clearly recognised on the plane of international law.

The rights which a patent conferred were demonstrated by sec-tion 60 of the 1977 Act. Mr Hobbs submitted that the damages which a patent holder could recover from an infringer by way of loss of profits were limited to the profits that would have been earned in activities for which the patent provided a monopoly.

In other words, any activities of the infringer that did not in themselves constitute infringe-ments could not form part of a

purpose of the present case, that submission would disqualify the Mr Justice Jacob awarded damclaim for 12 computer aided design

machines for which the judge awarded US\$237.690. Those machines could be sold by the infringers without infringing any right of the patentees; they were not within section 60(2) or (3).

The argument also extended to spare parts (damages \$365.750). servicing (damages \$954,085) and the springboard damages (\$250,800) which related to goods sold after the patent had expired. infringement of a patent was a statutory tort and in the ordinary way one would expect the damages recoverable to be governed by the

same rules as with many or most Their Lordships were referred to Halsbury's Laws of England (4th edinon, volume 12, paragraph 1128 and following) to establish: (i) that the overriding principle was that the victim should be restored to the position he would have been in if no wrong had been done and (ii) caused by the wrong and (iii) not

or social policy. What was now said was that either the general rules did not apply to the Patents Act or else there was now a fourth limitation which must be satisfied derived from the speech of Lord Hoffmann in South Australia Asset Management Corporation v York Monta-gue Ltd ([1996] 3 WLR 87).

excluded from recovery by public

in his Lordship's judgment, viewing the patent cases as a whole, there was no rule of law which limited the damages for infringement in a patent case in such a way as to exclude the loss claimed by the patentees in the present case. The present appeal, in so far as it sought to restrict the scope of recovery, would be

2 Could the patentees claim for losses suffered by their

His Lordship was in agreement with Lord Justice Hobnouse and Lord Justice Hutchison that in law the parent of a wholly owned subsidiary could recover damages for the parent's loss by reason of misfortune that had fallen upon the subsidiary, when the subsidiary had no cause of action against the wrongdoer and the parent did have a cause of action. His Lordship differed however on the question of fact, whether the patentees had proved in the present case that they had suffered loss, and how much was needed to mpensate them.

While his Lordship readily acknowledged that that was a question on which two views were ossible, he preferred the conclusion of Mr Justice Jacob that as a self-evident starting point, a dollar lost to the subsidiary was a dollar

3 Damages based on an average of the loss of several chances

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ages on the basis that the patentees uld have achieved 15 sales if the infringers had not made their 25 wrongful sales. There was evidence of the circumstances of those 25 but the judge had not identified 15 which would have been achieved by the patentees.

Nor, in consequence, did he identify the profit lost on each particular machine. He simply awarded 60 per cent of the total sum claimed as loss of profit on the 25 machines. The judge adopted a similar method of calculation for spare parts, servicing and comouter aided design machines. Mr Hobbs submitted that the

judge was wrong in law to adopt the method which he did; and he should have made findings relating to the individual machines. In his Lordship's judgment, the

issue as to the amount of the patentees' loss in the present case was a question in the second class of case laid down in Allied Maples Group Ltd v Simmons & Simmons [1995] 1 WLR 1602; it depended on the hypothetical actions of third parties, the buyers of the infringing machines. The judge was entitled to conclude that the patentees had lost a chance of making sales to those buyers and entitled to evaluate the chances as a whole, rather than separately.

4 Licences as of right and interest His Lordship agreed with the judgment of Lord Justice

LORD JUSTICE HOBHOUSE said he agreed with Lord Justice Staughton and Lord Justice Hutchison on the first, third and fourth matters.

Issue 2: The subsidiaries The patentees' case and the

finding of the judge was based upon treating it as self evident that every dollar lost to the subsidiary reduced the value of the parent's shareholding by a like amount In his Lordship's judgment, the

position of parent companies and their subsidiaries varied widely. Further complications could arise where, as in the present case, the patentee company was not the ultimate holding company but was itself just one intermediate company in the hierarchy of a larger group of companies which was run in the overall interest of the group In such a situation, it did not follow, absent insolvency, that the value of the subsidiary or the results of its trading would be passed on in full or at all to the intermediate parent.

In his Lordship's judgment the infringers' factual argument was entitled to succeed under this head and the award of damages should be reduced by excluding the loss claimed to have arisen from the losses to the subsidiaries.

said that so far as the second issue was concerned he agreed with the judgment of Lard Justice Hobbouse.

While there might be some very simple and straightforward cases in which, upon proof that a wholly owned and solvent subsidiary company had suffered a loss in a certain sum, it would be legitimate to infer an equivalent loss by the parent, the present case, was far from being such a case.

Issue 4: Licences of right Mr Hobbs submitted that a ntiff should not have an entirely free hand as to the manner in which he advanced his claim for damages for infringement, and that in the particular circumstances of the present case the judge ought to have confined the patentee to a payment which was calculated on the basis of a reasonable royalty.

His Lordship could not accept Hobbs' argument for the following reasons

I There was nothing in the authorities to suggest that a patenter who could prove that he had suffered damages in the way of loss of profits was to be confined to a aim on the royalty basis. The cases established that a patentee who could not prove such damages might nevertheless obtain damages on the notional royalty basis. 2 The suggestion, in so far as it was made, that in a case where the patentee could prove that he would have made the infringing sale could as a matter of discretion be confined to notional royalties was inconsistent with the general rule reaffirmed by Lord Wilbertorce in General Tyre and Rubber Comany v Firestone Tyre and Rubber Company Ltd ([1976] RPC 197). 3 The ground of appeal depended

upon a broad anack on the judge's approach to the assessment of damages succeeding and there was sufficient evidence to enable the judge to have reached an essment of lost profits. 4 Accordingly, the infringers' argu-

ment on discretion was unsound. However, the appeal would be allowed to the limited extent that the judge's order for interest would varied so as to deprive the patentees of any interest on the post-expiry claims. Solicitors: Needham & Grant;

Greenwoods, Peterborough.

Correction

In R v North Staffordshire Health Authority. Ex parte Wormington and associated cases (The Times December 24, 1996) leading counsel for the pharmacists was Mr Duncan Ouseley, QC.

In In re Polly Peck International plc (The Times December 27, 1996) Mr Philippe Sands also appeared as counsel for the respondents.

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raduates are find-ing that there is a filling out a form and passing the traditional interview. Bluechip companies are subjecting even the most promising can-didates to a barrage of tests and tasks designed to assess their potential in areas beyond mere academic prowess.

The chosen ones who make it through to the final stage of the application process can expect to be whisked away to a residential assessment centre for up to three days of inten-

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sive evaluation. This often occurs during term time and at fairly short notice - but those are the hoops you have to jump through to get on the fast track with prestige organisations such as BT. Unilever Mars, Ford, Shell, the Civil Service and the Army.

Two reasons account for the emergence of company assessment centres. The first is that the huge expansion in university student numbers in the past decade has flooded the market with graduates, making it more difficult for employers to sift candidates. At the same time, leading companies do not consider that a university degree tells them much about a student's potential contribution to their organisation. Firms have

watched the spread of assess-ment centres, which were pio-neered by AT&T in America and in the UK by Unilever, and believe that they produce more reliable long-term pros-pects than old-fashioned interviews.

Geraldine Lyons, graduate recruitment manager at Mars UK, says: "What is valuable is putting students under a bit of pressure for a day, doing personally taxing exercises and seeing how they behave." The company receives up to 8,000 requests for application. forms and needs between 15 and 20 recruits. The form provides the first filter, with questions such as "If you could change one thing in the world, what would it be, and why?". followed by "Why do you think we asked you this question?" Only 25 per cent of the forms are returned. There is no "right" answer and Mars is not looking for zany respenses.

About 600 candidates will be asked to a Mars presentation evening, where they will sit verbal and numeracy reasoning tests. Up to 400 will then be interviewed one-onone and 96 will make it to the will be asked back for another 36-hour ordeal.

At every stage, the students are graded on what Mars calls "thinks, wants and influences". This roughly translates to critical thinking, drive and ability to influence others. The single most important ability, however, is the ability to work in a team.

"By the time they get to the assessment centre," Miss Lyons says, "we know that they are bright people who have got through a tough interview and tests. We need to know how they work in a team environment. Do they have the sensitivity to deal with other people in groups and to influence

This is what assessment centres aim to bring out through a host of team exercises such as problem solving by committee and the "in-tray exercise", where the group has to prioritise the dozens of tasks a Mars manager might find on his or her desk.

iss Lyons says students are not under constant scrutiny at the centre, however. Assessors do not "hide behind pot plants", although it would not be a good idea to get drunk at dinner. That would be a shame because although it is not an assessed dinner, it is fairly formal," she says. There is no dinner for

candidates with their assessors at the 24-hour Marks & Spencer recruitment centre. They do not so much as share a drink at the bar. Kate Orebi Gann, a senior manager with the company, says: "We don't believe those social bits are part of the job. The centre tries to reflect as closely as possible the work the individual would be doing to give them the opportunity to display the skills they will need in the job."

This is why work experience has become even more essential for undergraduates hoping for a top appointment. Only a few university courses call for regular group work and other skills employers

tion skills. Work experience can be vital preparation for the assessment centre experience. Andrew Bottomley, director of the careers advisory service at Reading University, says students have to tune into the employment market increasingly early. "It is a vastly changing environment. Be-

cause of the explosion in

undergraduate places, it has

become very competitive." At Reading, an introduction to the careers service has become part of the first-year course. During their third term, students must attend a presentation, including a video made by final-year stidents, featuring interviews with graduates about the university activities which helped

their job prospects.

He says: "One of the most critical messages is that you have only two main summer vacations and these are the times you need to start getting some insights into the world of work. You cannot just drop into work experience. You have to plan it.

rankly, it is disastrous these days to leave it all to the end. The world of work is too competitive to leave job planning to the final term. Believing that a degree must equate to a career is not valid any longer."

Mike Killingley, a senior manager at Midland Bank, says Midland takes about 60 graduates from the 4,000 applicants to its executive trainee programme. Up to 250 are chosen to attend the bank's 24hour residential assessment centre. These candidates are



Punters in the job market?

selected on three criteria: aca demic and non-academic records at university, and about Midiand Bank and the financial services industry.

"The better people are going to be offered positions by a number of employers and what will turn Midland Ban on is not only someone with air academic record and whose non-academic interests and achievements are good, but also someone who can show they are motivated. Some le, almost say, what has Midland Bank got to offer me,

but it has to work both ways." .The bank uses its asse ment centre as part of the "two-way" selection decision. First, the candidate meets recent graduate recruits and senior managers and learns more about the bank. Secondly, he or she also undergoes a series of individual and group. tasks so the bank can find out

more about the applicant. Mr Killingley says: "We are trying to give them a flavour of working for a very diverse financial institution. The exercises reflect day-to-day sonarios. People don't talk so much about jobs for life but for us there is a real return because there are opportunities to work here for quite some time. If people can adapt and keep their skills up to date there are on-going opportunities, so it is worth it for us to put those resources in."

His advice to students? They should make use of their careers service. They should know where it is in the first year, and in the second year they should visit it. It is no good going in in the third year and saying What do employers want?

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students should make the most of their time at university to give them a head start in the career stakes



Studying for a degree can be a long and hard process, but obtaining full-time employment can be even tougher

# Why tradition is still the best bet

sity students will take his or her final examination having already been offered a job. A wide-ranging survey of final-year students concludes that those who enjoy this enviable position are more likely to come from old

A growing number of grad-uates admit that their first taste of employment will be in whatever job they can find to pay debts, whether or not it is levant to their career plans.

This polarisation has followed the gradual decline in traditional graduate opportunities which has accompanied the doubling of student numbers since 1990. As companies seek fewer general managers, there are not as many old-style training management schemes, for example.

The burgeoning number of graduates seems to be convincing employers to concentrate on a narrower, not wider, range of institutions. At one end of the scale, high-flyers from a select band of universities choose between offers from several top companies. At the other end, students at former polytechnics, with de-

grees that are often more relevant to the companies' business, struggle to get through the door.

This is the conclusion of the Institute for Employment Research in its report Great Expectations, an analysis of the experiences

and expectations of more than 5.000 final year students at 21 institutions. Kate Purcell. who wrote the report with Jane Pitcher, says: "You still get big employers laying on grand

champagne recep-

tions at established universities and trying to persuade natural scientists to become accountants, while for students studying accountancy at new universities the onus is on

them to go out and find a job. The old graduate labour market is still there, relatively unchanged, with large organisations recruiting highachieving students from a handful of universities to be their high-flying managers. administrators and professional specialists.

"New university students is highly competitive, they say,

sometimes get jobs with bluechip companies, but these companies do not generally go to the new universities to seek them out."

Further disadvantages for students at newer universities are also exposed by the research. Kate Pur-

cell says: "Employers were said to use A-level results as a kind of filtering mechanism, so that 'late developers' and those who had come into higher education by nonstandard routes were in danger of

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being excluded before they could enter the contest for many graduate appointments, whatever

their degree performance." Students are sceptical of the buzzwords in company recruitment material. The researchers say: "There was a employers who claim to seek transferable skills and pay lip service to equal opportunities and widening access but invariably recruit from the same

narrow range." The graduate labour market on an individual's own initiative. The positive aspect of this is that employers will often consider applicants who approach them on their own initiative. Careers advisers stress the advantage gained by students who begin their job search activities early and are prepared to approach employ-

ers directly and market them-selves effectively. Twenty-five per cent of the final-year students said they would take the first temporary job they could get to pay off bills. The average amount of debt was £2.925, including money owed to the Student Loans Company, with nearly one in five expecting to owe more than £4,000 when they

finished their degree. The outlook for graduates is. however, not entirely gloomy. The Association of Graduate Recruiters, which represents hundreds of employers of all sizes, forecasts an above-average rise in earnings for graduates this year and an 11.5 per cent increase in vacancies.

The average starting salary for graduates last summer was E14.750, which was an increase of 5.4 per cent on the previous year.

### 'I applied to the Foreign Office'

om Miles, 23, knows that the cises demanded by leading employers. He language skills he has gained from has just received his first rejection, from plain English. In the policy exercise, they language skills he has gained from a four-year degree in Chinese and Russian at Leeds University give him a head start. But even final-year students with the world at their feet have to endure a gruelling round of interviews for the

most coveted graduate placements. "We had a special careers visit just for our department from a firm of international lawyers," says Tom, who has also applied to several large companies in Hong Kong. "I have always been aware it is not going to be difficult for me to get a job. It is more like I am spoilt for choice." However, he still has to compete in the

the Civil Service, after trying for one of its fast-stream places.

Tom says about 8,000 people applied for the ten-coveted Foreign Office appointments. "About 2,000 took the examination and 350 survived, including me," Tom adds. There is then a two-day assessment pentre and interview stage.

There were 30 applicants at the centre who were interviewed by each of three assessors. They had psychometric tests and various individual tasks. For the intray exercise, candidates have 90 minutes to read a bundle of documents and decide psychometric tests, general knowledge which are the most urgent and what examinations and problem-solving exer- action to take. There is a summarising

plain English. In the policy exercise, they must choose one of three responses to a tricky situation and back it up under heavy questioning later. Each has its pros and cons; there is no right answer."
he says. "It is just a matter of being able to argue the case."

Candidates were asked to describe their personality from the point of view of their best friend, worst enemy and university lecturer. In group exercises, the applicants have to reach a decision in front of the assessors, then have to take turns chairing a committee to solve a problem. "This took two days during term-time," Tom says. "They delve into your inner soul and leave you feeling completely exhausted."

mma Hutcheson accepts that she will have to spend at least a june doing voluntary work before she lands her first "proper job" in the media. All of her extracurricular efforts so far, including work experience at the BBC before her English course at Reading University, will give her only one foot in the door of her chosen field.

Emma, 2l, is in her final year. Her ambitions lie in working in television or journalism. She says: "I have wanted to go into the media since I was 14 or 15, but also wanted to see what other opportu-

She says that her year off before university, when she spent several months shadowing a floor assistant at BBC Television Centre, was a good idea. 'My personality developed and I became more confident," she explains. "I met lots of different people."

### The long search for a proper' job

Emma has learnt how to type, and taught art in a local school through Community Service Volunteers, the educational charity. She applied to two advertising agencies last term after hearing about the opportunities at the university careers service, which also talked through her applications with her. This was useful, especially for deciding how to approach such questions as: which three things would you take to a desert island?

She has also used desktop publishing software while writing and designing a guidebook for undergraduates for the university careers service. "I would like to be a floor assistant," she says, "but I know I need a lot of work experience first.

"People who are doing the businessstudy side of things are going into high-powered jobs and know they are going to get money straight away; but some of my riends know they cannot just walk into the jobs they want, and if they want to do journalism, they will have to spend a year doing a course for it."

Is there anything she would change? "I would have gone to the careers service in my first year," she says. "I didn't go into it until three-quarters of the way through my second year, which gave me only one summer vacation to do something towards my career. The first summer I was iust earning money.

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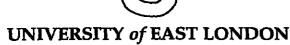
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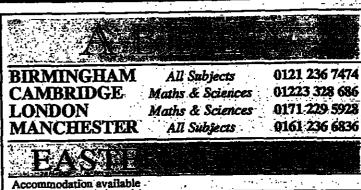


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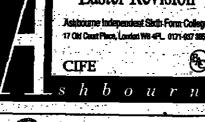
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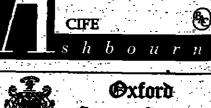


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1-21141 SUPER TACTICS 28 (CD.S.S) 81 Party R Allow 9-11-12 P Honley (3) 91

11A1-1F1 FRIE HARNEST 48 (D.F.G.) (Mrs. 4 Shidar) Phen J Spinaton 91-41-3 T J Marchy 93

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LONG RAMMARY: Uses 10 5 - L. CARLA CARMARY 67-18.
BETTINGS 2-1 Super Tactics, 100-30 Fine Harvest, 9-2 Bally Parson, 6-1 Dear Do. 7-1 Super El Belanti, Annata,
8-1 Scottesh Bandsi, 33-1 Count Breachis.
1996: TRAE WORT WAIT 7-11-9 J Parkon (9-0) R Philipp. 8 on

SCHOTR EL RETRATTI hers ellor 251 6th of 8 to Destrey Catis in feedicap classe at Sanctonn (2m di 17 to Aedema in handicap classe at Footwell (2m 33, good to firm) on penultireate stat. 1004, good to firm), Apri 96. SUPEN TACTICS best Miscise Doby 31 in 4-masse specicap classe at 12m, coth, FREE HARVEST best BALLY (2m, good penultireate at 12m, coth, FREE DO 61 2nd of 4 in 2-masse at Warnock (2m, good). AFRIBALA best effort.

### FAR DAWN 38 (D.S) (P Weigned) Mrs. A Perritt 11-2 C Misseld (S)

1 DEALLOWED 35 (G) Desiros in Mirod, Mrs. H Polity 11-4 J F Thiny 81

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2 BARANCK 27 (Mrs. 1 Galaxin 10-10) Mrs. H Williamson - 
5 BRACON SS (ARS S Mrs.) D Alaxcey Smith. 10-10. 0 G. Bandrey 85

5 BRACON 20F (Four William) W thair 10-10 J R Research - 
BRELLIANT RED 15-6 (Mrs. M Beogra) P Hedger 10-10 M (Pichards - 
0 MATCH ROLE 55 Mr Fenguson J J Jeristes 10-10 M (Pichards - 
MR HACKER 144F (B Irun) G Thomar 10-10 B Pound - 
UF MR WILD 34 (BR). A Spency 3 A Material 10-10 R Democraty - 
SCATHEBURY 45F (N Shields) R Roths 10-10 R Democraty - 
5 EARTLE ALLEY 45F (N Shields) R Roths 10-10 M A Larmach - 
5 SAULEY DANCER 32 (B Tuck) J Tox 10-5 M A Pound 38 
SAULEY DANCER 32 (B Tuck) J Tox 10-5 M A Regional 38 
SAULEY DANCER 32 (B Tuck) J Tox 10-5 M C Levellyn - 
SULAWES 55F J Alesph (N Triston-Davies 10-5 C Levellyn - 
2 Mr Wild 3-1 For Open. 9-2 Saunner Spell, 5-1 Disalbanea, 10-1 Biendon Maget, 11-1 Bielland

BETTANE: 5-2 Mr Weld 3-1 Far Claum. 9-2 Summer Spell, 5-1 Dissillated, 10-1 Bianton Magic, 11-1 Brilland Reg. 12-1 Others.

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FORM FOCUS

Lingfield Park

Going: standard

1.30 (1m 4f) 1. Zacaroon (D Biggs, 12-1); 2. Labudd (9-1), 3. Coolean (9-2), Certolis Marc 100-30 (sw. 13 ran. Sh bd. 1%), J. Pitch-Hayes, Tote: £15-80; £4-80, £4-80, £2-70, OF: £67-40 (inc. £201.50, CSF: £113-90, (reas); £2-5-79

2.00 (1m) 1. Scaling (D R McCabe, 2-1); 2.00 (1m) 1. Scaling (D R McCabe, 2-1); 2. Mice (5-1); 3. Our Shartes (20-1); Second Colours 6-4 (au. 1); am 4, 1141; 9. Second Colours 6-4 (au. 1); am 4, 1141; 9. Burgoyte, Toler 12.70; 21.10, 21.50; 23.50; DF 06.30; Toler 12.10; 02.05F; 210.76.

FORM FOCUS

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2.10 EASTER HERO HANDICAP CHASE (\$4,463: 2m) (8 numbers)

Loro bandicat: Dear Do 9-12, Count Baracinis 8-9.

2.40 WALTON JOVENILE HOVICES HURDLE

tions concerning advertising betting on racing. Pools and

bingo can advertise and we

are in danger of becoming the

only mainstream gambling product not allowed to use

Richardson has come in for

criticism since starting a mar-

keting department from

scratch three years ago, but

yesterday he produced figures

to show that from a marketing investment of just over £1

million, new revenue of E16

million had been generated

from new owners, racegoers

Unfortunately, the scope of

his four-strong team is re-stricted by a budget which is pitifully small. Richardson's

budget for marketing has remained unchanged this year

at £460,000 - or 3.3 per cent of

the BHB's racing administra-

completely out of bounds. We

can't use posters, television or

radio other than on a very

the average advertising-pro-

motion spend per racegoer in

Britain is 16p — compared to 68p in Ireland, 93p in Japan, El 47 in the United States and

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3:10 HANWORTH HANDICAP CHASE

3.40 ASHFORD NOVICES HURDLE

(£6,376: 2m) (13 runners)

101 - 119143 GOOD TIMES 13 (BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 12-0 -

112F-3P DECTRA DOME 27 (F.G.S.) (Dectra Ugusher) S Earle 10-11-11
2111-24 GREY SMOKE 52 (D.)FF-F-G.S.) (Lord Caelstee) Mess H Kright 7-11-3
22-1222 PHILE'S WOOD' 37 (F.G.S.) (K Krock H Handerson 9-10-3
13212-4 (E MERLE 57 (BF-F-G.) (M Milestee) K Burke 6-10-0
QF31/5-130SE (DMG 252 (D.S.) (M Petro) Miles S Estevanto 10-10-0

BETTING: 7-4 Ocum Dave, 5-2 Phillip's Woody, 11-4 Grey Smale, 4-1 Le Melle, 50-1 Rose King.

1998: TOUREEN PRINCE 13-10-7 J Culloly (5-1) Miss H Knight 5 so

FORM FOCUS

DEXTRA DOVE best effort 33½/ 5th of 11 to Doorse HB in Hamescy Coprec Gold Cap Handscap Classe at Lajouster (3m, good to firm). LE Doorse HB in Hamescy Coprec Gold Cap Handscap Classe at Newtony (3m 21 110yd, good) on mention classe at Sandown (3m 110yd, good) on persistence best Plant (3m 21 110yd, good) or persistence classe at Capternam (3m 21 110yd, good) or persistence classe at Capternam (3m 21 110yd, good) or persistence classe at Lajouster (3m, good to firm). LE state of the classe at Lajouster (3m, good to firm). LE state of the classe at Lajouster (3m, good to firm). LE state of the classe at Lajouster (3m, good to firm). LE state of the classe at Capternam (3m 21 110yd, good) or persistence class

BETTING: 9-4 Steepled, 9-1 Secret Spring, 6-1 Decayder, 7-1 Blomberg, 10-1 Hordance Proce, 12-1 Resed The Force, 14-1 Others.

DARAYDAM bost Mr Darsy 141 in 9-monet movez tangle in Chestoniano (2m 11, good) with CAPUTO SRIGANTE (Sin believ off) 17-24 sin and SHADIR-WAM (Sin believ off) 27-24 in 50.

RESIST THE FORCE best CAPUTO BRIGANTE (Sin believ off) 7-6 symmer movies hardle at Ascal (2m 110)rd, good to firm) on penutismate start.

SECRET SPRING 11 2nd of 8 to Sammarism in Selection: DARAYDAM (cap)

1999: GREAT EASELY 6-11-3 R McGrath (7-1) W Storey 12 Rm

FORM FOCUS

COURSE SPECIALISTS

50.0 29.6 20.3 20.0 19.0 16.0

J Osborne
N Wilhamson
R Dunnocky
M A Fitzgenid
A P McCoy
P Hide

1.50 (2m 11 hdle) 1, Sern Rockett (S Ryen. 16-1); 2, D'Naan (A P McCoy, 4-6 lav); 3, Paulton (R Greene, 10-1): 12 ran. NR. Benkartosan, 1 Trestevere 91, 81, P McOney Tote: £18.60; 22.80, £1.40, £1.60, DF: £11.80, Trio: £70.20, CSF: £27.89.

227.69.
220 (4m 2f 110yd ch) 1. Woodlands Genhire (C Llewellyn, 100-1); 2. Exangel-ica (11-4 ).4sxi; 3. Frozen Drop (8-1). Bedissian 11-4 [1-tav. 10 ran. 29.1, 114. P Pitcherd. Tote: 597.00; 510.70; 51.10, 52.40. OF: 533.70. Trio: £124.20 CSF: 534.51. Tricast: \$2,582.02.

4.10 ROYAL MAIL HANDICAP HURDLE (\$3,515: 3m 110yd) (7 nuners)

FORM FOCUS

1938: KARSHI 6-11-4 J Osborne (5-1) Miss H Kolghi, 14 ran

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HOCKEY

Confident

Slough

prepare for

showdown

BY ALIX RAMSAY

SLOUGH travel to Crystal

Palace this weekend with

much on their mind. They

have the defence of their indoor national league title to

take care of and the more

pressing concern of their

European indoor campaign at

the end of February to prepare

Still, they have made a good

enough start to the domestic

league, sitting at the top of the

premier division table, ahead

of Hightown on goal differ-

ence. Over the coming two

days of competition they must face Leicester, Chelmsford and Olton before the final

showdown with Hightown on

Slough, though, are never anything but confident, and

this year, in particular, they

have good cause to be. Their

outdoor squad is at its stron-

gest for many seasons, with

most of those players putting

themselves forward for the

indoor competitions as well. Even when affected by illness

and injury, they can still win.

Two weeks ago they scored a

total of 21 goals in two matches

despite missing the services of

Sally Eyre. Helen Thornally.

Julia Robertson and Ashley

Their opening match saw them beat Ipswich 6-2 despite the Suffolk side being one of the early favourites. Slough

were at full throttle against Sunton Coldfield, sweeping

them away 15-2 and, regard-

less of the ease of the win,

sticking to their game-plan

Using the opening encounters to try a few new tactics in

preparation for the European

indoor club championship.

Slough are now determined to kick-start their preparations

with victory at Crystal Palace.

Sue Chandler, one of the club's

stalwarts and a member of

England's indoor European

Cup-winning side last year.

has few doubts about their

chances or the importance of

"Hightown may have lost a

couple of players and they

may be playing down their

chances, but there is no such

thing as a bad Hightown

the Hightown match.

surprise to anybody

until the final whistle.

Wallace.

Sunday afternoon.

side," she said. "It will be no get to that last match undefeated. But for us, with the strength of squad we have and with the flair players we have, it will be a huge disappointment if we don't win. We know we will not have reached our

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full potential if we lose."

**Top Britons** tempted to leave home THE men's field for the AJ

Edge national squash championships next week has been severely depleted because of the lure of competitions abroad (Colin McQuillan writes). More than half of the leading Britons will be missing from the Manchester Northern Club, with Mark Cairns, from Oxford, the England No 4, emerging as the top seed when the draw was

made yesterday.

However, a full women's field will compete, with Cassandra Jackman and Sue Wright seeded ahead of Suwright Section and Councilla Surzanne Horner, the champion.
TOP SEEDINGS: Men: 1. M Carns (Odordshire), 2. S Meads (Berkshire), 3. A Gough (Walec), 4. N Taytor (Lancahrer); 5. P Johnson (Kerd), 6. J Ramsone (Essay Women: 1. C Jackman (Nortoll), 2. S Wight (Kenl); 3. S Horner (Forkshire), 4. J Mentry, (Northumbrais; 5. L Chamman (Susseu, 6, F Geaves (Gloucostershire)

TV deal reached

Rugby league: Prospects for a united game in Australia improved yesterday with an agreement by Channnel Nine Television, which broadcasts the Australian Rugby League, to screen rival Super League and international matches. The two competitions start in March. Maurice Lindsay, the Super League International Board chairman, said: "This could be the first step towards a single game in Australia. which would be to everyone's advantage."

☐ Andy Farrell. the Great Britain captain, is struggling to recover from a thigh strain in time for the World Nines in Townsville, Australia, from January 31 to February 2.

Feltham retires

Cricket: Mark Feltham, the Middlesex all-rounder. has retired after persistent back problems. He started with Surrey in 1983 before moving to Middlesex ten years later. scoring 3,186 first-class runs and taking 3SS wickets during his career.

Woodlands Genhire, the 100-1 winner of the Stephen Little and Dick Reynolds Bookmakers Handicap Chase at Taunton yesterday, clears a water jump flanked by ice removed from the

The 12-year-old, ridden by Carl Liewellyn, was recording his first success for almost four years and the victory ended a losing run for his

Going an statch harse has wen (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soil, good to soil, heavy). Owner in brackets. Traines. Aga and stepids. Roter plus any allowance. The Times Preside Hamilicapper's rating.

trainer, Peter Pritchard, which had extended over more than three years. "I'm glad for him to be in the winner's

spot as his owner, Joan Preece, has been loyal, sticks by her horses and has had this one with me since he was a three-year-old," Pritchard said. "I didn't hack the horse but was going to have a tenner each-way until our first runner went so badly in the seller."

Pritchard ruled out entering Woodlands Genhire in the Grand National, but nominated the Midlands National at Uttoxeter as a likely objective.

On a day of surprise results, Sam Rockett landed the Pickeridge Selling Hurdle at odds of 16-1 for trainer Peter Mooney, and the Chris Pophamtrained Olliver Duckett, at 14-1, took the Bickenhall Novices' Handicap Chase.

SOUTHWELL

12.45 Stone The Crows, 1.15 Sharp Return, 1.50 Rambo Waltzer, 2.20 Our Robert, 2.50 Awesome

Draw: No advantage

Venture. 3,20 Mad Militant. 3.55 China Castle.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.55 CHINA CASTLE.

12.45 LEVY BOARD STANDARD OPEN

OLER CAROL J Parkes 5-10-13 GIFT STAR C Merray 4-10-6 SIR BOSTON F Woodhouse 4-10-6

NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (£1,214: 2m) (12 runners)

5-4 Roll Agent, 4-1 Store The Cities, 5-1 Stole On, 8-1 The Khompa, 12-1 others

1 150. CONTRAVENE 80 (0.F.5). J Berry 9-7 ... 6 Carter 1
2 00-5 JACK SAYS 11 (8) D Stew 9-7 ... C Teague (3) 4
3 05-0 HEATHYARDS PEARL 81 Rh Hallmann 9-3 ... Furnit, (1) 2
4 05-3 THEASURE 100H 11 6 Moore 9-3 ... A Cultame 7
5 34-5 SHAPP RETURN 14 (0.5) M Ryan 9-0 ... M Baind (3) 6
6 00-6 MERROR FOUR SPORT 15 M Obresion 8-3 T Williams 6
7 00-1 PET EXPRESS 14 (C.6) P Hastam 8-1 ... L Charmock 3

2-1 Pel Egress, 7-2 Tressure Touch, 5-1 Contavene 6-1 Jack Says, 7-1 Sharp Return, 10-7 Healthyards Pearl, 12-1 Merror Four Sport

1.50 HALIBUT APPRENTICE CLAIMING STAKES

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1 000- LE SPORT 84 (D.6) D Nicrolis 4-9-5. . . . . T Siddial (5) 12
2 00-5 RAMIBO WALTZER 16 (CD.F.6.5) D Nicholis 5-9-5 Illiaminii (3) 11
3 1-61 CHADLEIGH LANE 4 (CD.6) R Hottinghead 5-8-10 D Grifflins 5
4 00-0 CHLIRANG BANG 16 (CB.5) J Berry 48-8 . . . P Robert 1
5 046- RPFAL AGAR 220 D Burbard 48-4 . . K Sted (3) 10
6 066- BUDDY'S FRIEND 196 (CD.F.6) R Williams 9-8-4
6 Millians (S) 3

6 068- BLODY'S FRIEND 196 (CD,F,G) R Williams 9-8 4 Milliams (3) 3
7 330- SANDMOOR DERMIM 45 (CD,F,G,S) S Boesting 10-8-4 A Daly 13
8 00-0 ECCENTRIC DANCER 13 M Berby 4-8-2. P Fessey 6
9 00-3 SWEET MATE 16 (B,C,G) M Mezale 5-8-1 D Sweeney (3) 8
10 00:0 BRITAINDA MBLLS 14 (F) M Chapman 6-7-13 Iona Wands (3) 7
11 00-0 LADY ECLAT 14 (B,G) K Wingines 4-7-13. A McCarthy (3) 7
12 0- NANTGARN 50 D Burchell 4-7-13. C Cogan (5) 4
13 00/0 SONYA MARKE 4 J FRagenald 4-7-13 R Breakand (5) 9

3-1 Chaddeigh Lane, 7-2 Ranto Waltzer, 4-1 Sweet Mate: 7-1 Le Sport, 8-1 Cedicang Bang, 10-1 Appeal Ágain, Sandhicon Denmi

1 340- OUR ROBERT 25-U J Fitzgerald 5-9-0 . . . N Kennedy 5
2 40-6 SOAKED 7 D Chapman 4-9-0 . . . A Cultana 3
3 040- TRALY BRY 45 T Barron 4-9-0 . . . D Marrison 4
4 6-0 KIDLEPOPSE 6 A Mutholitand 4-8-9 . . D McKown 1
5 04-0 UNSPOREN PRAYER 13 (B) J Amelia 4-8-9 . 5 Sanders 2
6-4 Urspoken Player, 9-4 Soaked, 7-2 Truty Bay, 5-1 Our Poben, 16-1 Kufspopsie

(£3,232: 7f) (14)

1 -202 AWESOME VENTURE 4 (CD,6.5) N Chapman 7:10-0
S Drowne 12
C 02-0 KINSCHIP BOY 14 (V.C.D.BF.F.S) M Ryan 8-9-12 A Clark 5
3 4-14 LEISH CRIPTER 7 (B.C.D.F.F.S) M Ryan 8-9-12 A Clark 5
3 6-14 LEISH CRIPTER 7 (B.C.D.F.F.S) P Candell 8-9-10 R Pertam 11
4 3-25 BOLD ARSTOCRAT 4 (C.6.9) R Holleshead 6-9-4 F Lymch (3) 4
5 3-64 MANMERA 6 (B.6.) M Projects 5-9-2 T 6 McLaughim 3
6 0-00 DAMMLE 7 (C.D.F.S) D Hybrid Jones 7-9-1 L Chamock 14
7 5-51 AMTA'S CONTESSA 7 (C.D.S) B Pating 5-9-0 (Boy T Spring 9
401- MARRAY'S MAZDA 20 (D.F.6.S) Lipre 8-8-8 R Lyopin 10
10 10-1 PLEASURE TRICK 11 (B.CD.F.S) E Horse 6-8-6 (Boy T Spring 10
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10 -0-6 CHESTREL GROOM 7 (D.F. 0 Stan 6-7-13 M Komody 2
12 2-30 CRAIGE BOY 7 (B.6.S) N Bycroll 7-7-12 J Brantfell (7) R
13 10-5 GREEN GOLDSHILL (T.T.C.T) Florid 1
14 0-66 RAJOSTAN 7 S Camplen 7-7-10 P Florid 1
14 0-66 RAJOSTAN 7 S Camplen 7-7-10 P Florid 1
15 Pressay (5) 7
7-2 Leigh Croller 5-1 Pleason Trick 6-1 Manray's Monda, 7-1 Apila's Contessa.

7 DODY DOUBLE VINTAGE 459 M Chapman 4-8-13 Lond Wands (7) 4
8 509- SUMMER VILLA 1444 (C.6) In Wington 5-8-11
A McCarby (7) 3
9 6- HARLESTONE HEATH 113 M Dods 4-8-8 — A Cairk 9
10 00-0 LEBEINNEN 7 Mr. P Sty 4-8-8 — A Cairk 9
11 00-4 SHAMOORA 4 (C.6) Mr. N Marcaley 4-8-8 — C Teague (3) 10

7-4 Mag Baldram, 3-1 Foxzar, 7-2 Calder King, 6-1 Spencer's Revenge, 10-1 Standora, 12-1 A 5 Jim, Double Vintage, 14-1 others

3.20 LOBSTER SELLING STAKES

(£2.085: 1m 3f) (11)

2.20 GYSTER MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES (52,294-71) (5)

2.50 WHALE HANDICAP

(£3,232: 7f) (14)

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 3,55 Golden Hadeer.

Going: Standard

(3-Y-0: £2,801: 6f) (7)

(£2,085: 1m) (13)

KELSO -

1.00 Seeking Gold. 1.30 Double Agent. 2.00 Seven Towers. 2.30 Aragon Ayr. 3.00 Regal Romper. 3.30

1.00 EUROPEAN BREEDERS FUND TATTERSALLS (IRELAND) MARES NOVICES CHASE Qualifier: £3,436\* 2m 6f 110yd) (9 runners) 1 1412 SERIMS (SULD 37 (C.F.G.) J Barciay 8-11-8 2 40-6 ARDENT LONE 32 D Nicholson 8-16-10 3 050- CALL ME BLACK 930 N 1 ### APUBH LIVE SZ V INCIDENT R-19-10 R Gamble

OSC - CALL NE DR ACK 330 M Harmond 8-10-10 R Gamble

S CALLANE LAKE 32 Miss M Maringan 7-10-10 A 5 Smith

PUB STRABLISH 21 J Dobts 9-10-10 ... K Johnson

OGO - GAME POINT 301 D Lamb 8-10-10 ... J Burins

PU4- OLD BETSY 258 Miss S Smith 7-10-10 ... R Gassi

4-44 TBLICHERRY 30 Miss H Kinghi 8-10-10 ... B Famino

IPP- WEELINAPAWAID 2519 (6) Mir. J Smith 7-10-10 Mis C Surey

WEELINAPAWAID 2519 (6) Mir. J Smith 9 Smith 8-10-10 ... 7-4 Seeking Gold, 9-2 Artent Love. 6-1 Tellucherry, 7-1 Call Me Black, 8-1 Culture Lake, Old Belsy, 14-1 offers

1.30 GLASSEDIN SCOTTISH JUVENILE HOVICES HURDLE (\$3,583: 2m 110yd) (12) 1321 ROSSEL 21 (D.F.S) P Montaith 11-9 ... 2 211 SOLDAT 68 (S) D Nicholson 11-9 .... 3 136 DOUBLE DASH 44 F) D Minist 11-5 ... D sindywater - 4 5213 JACKSON PARK 22 (D.6) I Extently 11-5 ... A Magnite 86 6 CRY SABY 82 A Whitans 11-0 ... S Taylor (5) 6 DOUBLE ASSENT 85F J Johnson 11-0 ... R Gardly 75 6 MAPLETON 82 M Hammond 11-0 ... R Gass 61 9 04 MELTEMBOOM 88 M Hammond 11-0 ... MR C Booner (3) 87 0 MINISTRANCE ASSENT AND 11-0 ... B Story - 6 MOUNTAN DREAM 21 R Alban 11-0 ... B Story - 7 0 6 PERFETUAL LIGHT 7F J Dazon 10-9 ... Desnik Byrnis - 2 DO SOUSSE 32 Mis M Reveloy 10-9 ... P Ween 67 15 Soldst 7-7 J Manual 10-1 Evens Soldet, 7-2 Mellenuson, 7-1 Rossel, 10-1 Jackson Paris, Double Agent, 14-1 Double Dash, 18-1 others

2.00 SCOTTISH BORDERS NATIONAL (Handicap chase: £20,903; 4m) (13)

13 -360 SIDE OF WILL 51 (C.F.S) B Macaggad 12-10-0 ... 6 Les (3) 50 7-2 St Malibon Farmoy, 9-2 Into The Red, 5-1 Lo Stregone, 7-1 Full Di Cats, 8-1 Seath Towers, Whata Fetla, 12-1 others

2.30 TIM DOODY WHITE LINE MOREBATTLE HURDLE (Limited handicap: £4,770; 2m 110yd) (10)

1 -3r4 HOME COURTIES 48 (V.C.D.F.G.S) D Modell 8-11-7

1 -374 HOME COUNTIES 48 (V.C.D.F.G.S) D Motatt 8-11-7
2 4115 DIRECT ROUTE 41 (C.D.F.G.S) J Johnson 6-10-12 P Carberry 32
3 -354 MARCHANT MING 27 (D.G.S) M Hammond 5-10-8 R Bantley 82
5 19-5 UNCLE DOUG 45 (D.D.G.S) Mr. M Reveley 6-10-6 P Nove 6-10-12 P Carberry 19-5 UNCLE DOUG 45 (D.D.G.S) Mr. M Reveley 6-10-6 P Nove 6-10-6 AND ADMINISTRATION AND ASSESS ASSESSED 12-545 PS 10-4 J Callagram 95
7 112- ARAGEM AVR 339 (D.G.S) P Motatin 9-10-0 D A Doublin 95
8 6504 ARZIAH 22 (D.G.S) R ARB 9-10-0 D Bringwards 89
9 32-5 COMMUNISTRATION SOLID 55 (D.S.) J Barclay 6-10-0 Mr R Thornton (5) 95
10 33P- NGLETOMAN 304 (D.S.) B Macanger 8-10-0 ... B Storey 73
1-2 Hold Brewn A J Barcon 4 D B-10-10 Carber 4 Thornton (5) 95
10 33P- NGLETOMAN 304 (D.S.) B Macanger 8-10-0 ... B Storey 73 7-2 Halta Breuze, 4-1 Acagon Ayr. 9-2 Home Counties, 5-1 Thomfon Gale, 7-1 Direct Roule, 8-1 Marchard Milog, 12-1 others

HANDICAP CHASE (£4,422 2m 1l) (6)

**NOVICES HURDLE** (Oualifier: £2,584: 2m 2f) (19)

BETTING: 7-4 Thm, 3-1 Olympion, 4-1 Dissis Dances, 6-1 Fostucies Course, 7-1 Colessoy Boy, 14-1 Little Sonser 33-1 Sobbine.

3.00 ANDREW HAMILTON & CO RUTHERFORD

3.30 EUROPEAN BREEDERS FUND NATIONAL HUNT

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# No side good enough for grand slam

season so far is that, while exposure and interest in club - whether domestic or European - has gone up, support for the international game has dwindled. That is a trend which the five nations' championship will surely reverse, but it must make the game's adminis-

There has always been a fallacy that spectators would turn up at Twickenham, or Murrayfield, or Cardiff to watch international rugby even if you put 15 monkeys on the field in white, or blue or red. That is actually not the case. People want to watch meaningful rugby matches and I'm convinced the rarity value

has been killed. People are not prepared to pay the cost of the match ticket if their imagination is not captured and, with the best will in the world, Italy and Argentina do not do that. There has been too much international rugby. this season, too much average international rugby in contrast to the club come along virtually every week. created by greater quality, higher fitness levels, and the inherent excitement of fluctuating fortunes in the

But while we have seen 16 internationals involving five nations' sides this season, much of the rugby has been mediocre. For that reason and I wish it was not the case - this is the most open five nations' championship I can remember. Whereas for the past decade you could confidently claim that England and France would contest the title, it is difficult to

say so now. The five nations' will ignite the fires once more: there will be full houses — a crowd of 13,500 for Wales against the United States last weekend must have depressed the players - but the sides must also produce good, hard rugby. People talk glibly about entertainment but that comes from close, hard-fought matches not from sevens played by 15 men: if we do not



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far from the day when a five nations' match does not pull a capacity crowd. The championship remains a fantastic tournament but we must keep examining the quality, keep asking questions about how it can be improved. If we do not, we should not be involved in the game. Comparisons with other parts of the world should not be avoided, indeed we should try to ensure that our game, with all the history behind it, is better than that on offer in the southern

ently, going through a transitional stage, not one of which has avoided considerable criticism in preparing for the five nations' championship.

You can argue a case for one of the Celtic countries coming out on top this year and I certainly don't think we are going to have a grand-slam winner. I would say that the best performance of any country before Christmas was that by Wales against a very good South Africa team.

The Wales players that day stood up and took the game to South Africa; they have their rugby league players back, bringing strength and profes-sionalism to the whole side, and there seems to be a flicker of light at the end of their tunnel. Murrayfield will be a big test for them tomorrow. If Wales are going to make anything of their new side, they have to go there and win, and if they do, then Cardiff will not be an easy place for anyone to

Ireland and Scotland have, frank-

hemisphere's tri-nations series. Yet ly, been terrible in their build-up here we have five teams, all, appargames, but I have learnt over the years never to discount the Scots. France have a good record in Dublin and a couple of pieces of magic could start them off on a roll, particularly since Ireland have dispensed with Paul Burke, who, if nothing else, could score points for them.

The Irish may give opponents a hard time up front, but they are now on their third stand-off half and have shown little sign of being able to

And what about England? The leading club sides, helped by an influx of overseas players, have started to change the way they want to play the game, but England are struggling to find a style that suits all the players in the team. For all his many qualities, it will be difficult for Phil de Glanville to make a massive impact from centre - he needs good decisions from the key area of No 8, No 9 and No 10, and just at the moment it doesn't look as though the balance is right.

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# SPORTS LETTERS

### Managers ill-prepared for job

From Mr C. Rossini

Sir. Kevin Keegan's resigna tion has understandably prompted much comment, but the real question has not been addressed, ie, why are managers being appointed with no preparation for the pressure and trials that lie ahead?

Compared with past times, when the likes of Joe Mercer, Don Revie and Bob Paisley had to serve an apprenticeship of sorts before securing a management post with foot-ball's elite, today, managers come straight off the pitch to don the boss's hat. Little

wonder then that some feel the strain, given the pressures and profile of the modern game.

Compared with Italy, where all coaches have to be qualified and registered and serve time in the lower leagues before promotion to a Serie A club, this is not satisfactory and I suspect that we shall see more Keegan-type casualties until the present pattern

Yours faithfully. C. ROSSINI. la Steele House, Harwich.

### Difficult process

From Mr Dominick Shirley Sir. I write with reference to Mr Angus Irvine's letter about the decline of cricket in state schools (January 10).

I belive the regeneration of cricket in England will prove much harder than most, including the Prime Minister.

Though a historian, I also ran cricket at a Salisbury grammar school from 1969 to 1984. Despite criticism, then in vogue, on the grounds of expense, ethos, elitism, irrelevance, time and space wasted, I managed to keep first XI fixtures going, even on

But by 1975 all the other grammar schools within a 50mile radius had either gone private or comprehensive. Two, at Shaftesbury and Dor-chester, had built sixth-form complexes on their first XI cricket squares (illustrating the climate of the times)!

My first XI fixtures had now to be with the likes of Sherborne, Cranford, Marlborough, Winchester and Bryanston, who welcomed practice for their emerging A teams. But the old structure of cricket for all classes (as long as academically they made grammar selection in our

Is this perhaps why the professional bowlers either

from grammar or secondary modern — Trueman, Tyson, Loader, Willis (produced upon the poorly maintained state school pitches of the Forties. Fifties and Sixties) - have gone? Escape from coalmines for Trueman and Larwood also encouraged cricketing prowess, but happily this spur cannot be replacated. same poor priches and the exuberance of youth meant that spin bowling outside pub-

lic schools was rarely rated. Laker, Lock and Wardie took years and county exper-tise to develop fully. Now, I think, with fine, privately-maintained cricket squares, or all-weather pitches, the young may find the emulation of Shane Warne more rewarding, exciting and glamorous than hours of fast bowling.

We may occasionally produce a wonder (especially in bowling) like. Botham, but there will be a shallowness (so crucial if a star loses form like Gough or Cork) which great depth in the postwar years

A cricket tradition takes years to evolve: 1965-1990 tried to marginalise it. If, by 2015, we are as competitive as we were in the 1960s, I shall be delighted and surprised.

Yours faithfully DOMINICK SHIRLEY. November Cottage, Salisbury, Wiltshire

### Before their time From Mr P. D. O'Connor

Sir, John Bryant's tongue-incheek look at athletic clothing for icy weather (Bryant's Eye, January 9) correctly stated that running tights were not available in shops in the 1950s. But perhaps the Queens Park Harriers cross-country team was before its time in devising

At my wife's suggestion I purchased half a dozen pairs of men's lightweight "long johns" — shrunken and dyed black, we wore them under coloured shorts for training

runs in bitter weather. Six of us changed regularly at my flat in Paddington. As we made our way out into the cold night wearing our new training aid for the first time,

long and loud, as did bemused pedestrians on a still busy Edgware Road. In Hyde Park. "ladies of the night" dispensed some friendly, ribald A few evenings later we

my wife and children laughed

grouped together in the park to start our main run. A vigilant policeman came racing across North Carriage Drive, convinced that he had uncovered a dastardly male sex club. We could hardly run for laughter.

The converted "long johns" were ideal for keeping our legmuscles warm. Perhaps should have applied for a

Yours faithfully. P. D. O'CONNOR. 8 Oakleafe Gardens, Ilford, Essex.

### Kicker on board From Mr Terence J. King

Sir, Because "... we have not had a kicker before", Dick Best, the Harlequins coach, seems to have convinced his club and everyone else that it was worth paying an extrava-gant fee for the 18 months of Thierry Lacroix's services (report, January 6).

Besides the detrimental effect such foreign signings can have on the development of the English game in the long term, Best ought to be reminded that he already has an outstanding kicker and all he

needs to do is play him: Before the present season began Best managed to coax Michael Corcoran from London liish where he was having an outstanding career as a prolific points scorer and kicker par excellence. So why was it necessary to spend the reported E250,000 for Lacroix? Money seems to be just like confetti in the hands of some professional football and rugby clubs at present.

Yours faithfully. TERENCE J. KING. Whitegales, Baigent's Lane, Windlesham, Surrey.

### Adding some bite.

From Mr Alex C. Moran Sir, Your report (January 9) that Richmond rugby union club "are ready to sign Ather-ton" will have raised the

Sports Letters may be sent by fax to 0171-782 5211. They should include a daytime telephone number. spirits of cricket fans throughout the country.

Perhaps the same chib could be persuaded to exchange a suitably grizzled forward to take his place in New Zealand and put some hite back into the England team.

Yours faithfully. A. C. MORAN, 24 Letham Drive. Newlands. Glasgow.

# Wainwright in line to play dual leading role

Mark Souster on the man aiming to guide

Scotland to the grand slam and enhance

his claims to captain the British Isles

Wainwright would gladly press the erase button on the past six months of his professional life. Serious injury prevented him from playing rugby and his highprofile role in somewhat acrimonious contract negotiations during the autumn - at one point the players boycotted a training session - led his detractors at the Scottish Rugby Union to brand him a

He lost the captaincy to Gregor Townsend.

mours of abusive 'If you have tasted it, it's phone calls to his house from individuals at Murrayhard to step field - although backwards' this is a subject on which he refuses to

he drawn — and suddenly the image of a man who could do little wrong was dented, if not his confidence. It did not help that he had posed à la Rob Roy in a tabloid newspaper before the meeting with England last March, an experience that still fills him with embarrassment and regret. It all lent weight to the impression that he was losing

"It was a fairly stressful time," Wainwright said this week. "It has been a tedious period for the players, but for the paying public and the viewers I think it's been even more tedious. Hopefully, it is all laid to rest." Indeed, the new year finds

him in fine fettle, upbeat once again about his own, and Scotland's, prospects. He has a new house deep in his

beloved Scottish countryside near Kinross, promotion to the rank of major, and finally the confidence as a player that his body is not about to fall apart. He can concentrate on the business of rugby and the job in hand, beating Wales tomorrow. Reinstatement as captain

"It is like international rugby itself," Wainwright said. "It is a bit of a drug - once you have tasted it, it is very hard to take a step backwards. Potentially, it would have been hard

to be just another one of the boys. Ask Will Carling: gling at the moment with similar emotions: but it is a joy to be back involved with the

"My initial timetable was to try to get back in time for the Australia game. but I had to sacrifice the first half of the season to get back for the second. I just made it. I have had four games in three weeks. It has been fairly busy. but that is what I needed." So what of Scotland's chances this season?

"Well we are in a period of transition," he said. "There have been a considerable number of changes from this time last year. We have got to make sure that the young players and the new players fit in as comfortably as possible and we get down to playing the sort of rugby we played last year and incorporating the lessons we learnt in New

For the past two years commentators, including one



who famously dismissed Scotland's cause in 1996 as "notentially hopeless", have been made to eat their words.

"They have learnt their lesson," Wainwright said. "If we win our first game, which I feel we can, it sets us up for the rest of the five nations'. Then we have got to go to Twickenham. The last time we beat them was 1990, a generation of players ago. That is going to be very challenging and yet I have a sneaking feeling that this year might be the year we finally do something against

England. They are the bookies' favourites, but the bookies are a bit short of imagination sometimes.

"It is difficult to judge how good Wales are. The return of the rugby league dissidents has strengthened their case, but they have still got to form a team. They have always had talented players, but in recent years have not managed to blend them into a side that draws cohesively together. Also, they are coming up to Murravfield, where they haven't won since 1985. It is an

intimidating place for them to come to." The prospect of a place on

the British Isles tour to South Africa this summer lends added spice to the five nations' championship this season and speculation has turned, inevitably, to who will be their captain. Wainright is considered a front runner and Fran Cotton, the Lions manager, is a known admirer.

I think talk of the captaincy is all a bit premature," Wain-wright said. "The players are going to be picked on the

that Fran Cotton doesn't want a captain who cannot be sure of his place. It's happened in the past and upset the whole balance of the tour." Anyway, first things first. We are aiming to get a grand slam," he said. "The only way

strength of their five nations'

the same applies to the cap-taincy. But the Lions are in the

back of my mind; you can't

ignore speculation. You just

try to ignore the questions

when you can. The key issue is

to do that is to start by beating

FOOTBALL: FERGUSON SETS DATE FOR RETIREMENT AS MANAGER AND END OF SUCCESSFUL ERA AT OLD TRAFFORD

# Allardyce follows Dalglish into high-pressure post

By Richard Hobson AND PETER BALL

FOR the second time in three days, the Magpies made a managerial appointment yesterday. However, in contrast to the media circus that squeezed into St James' Park for the coronation of Kenny Dalglish on Tuesday evening, just seven reporters and two photographers were at Meadow Lane for the announcement of Sam Allardyce as the new manager of Notts County, who share the same nickname as Newcastle United.

Pressure though, remains the buzz-word. County are second from bottom in the Nationwide League second division and Allardyce is their sixth manager — or managerial partnership — in less than three years. He was dismissed as manager of Blackpool in May last year and has been involved since with the

youth team at Sunderland. Allardyce, who has agreed an 18-month contract that will be extended by a further year if he manages to save the club from relegation, replaces Gary Strodder, who had been managing on a temporary basis after the dismissal of Colin Murphy and Steve Thompson before Christmas. Alex Ferguson, whose Manchester United team have dominated English football this decade, has set a provisional retirement date, saying that he intends to leave Old Trafford in 3½ years' time. "I can see the finishing line," Ferguson said yesterday. "When this contract runs out, I will be 58 and I can't see me

continuing as manager beyond that."

If Ferguson does retire then, he will

have completed 13 years at the club,

the European Cup, and success in that competition in the next three years might persuade him that he is

Fabrizio Ravanelli is not the only Italian who appears to be less than happy with his move from Serie A to the Premiership. Yesterday, Gianluca Vialli, Ravanelli's striking partner for Juventus, the European champions, last season, said that he was not happy with his situation at Chelses.

Speaking on Italian television, Vialli, who has failed to win back a

out with injury, said: "I did not come here to have a holiday or to have fun. I came to do well, to become a legend in London at Chelsea. Being on the bench makes me frustrated. I hope things change. I'm not willing to put up with it much longer."

Leicester City made Matt Elliott, 28, their record signing yesterday when they bought him for £1.6 million from Oxford United, fending off competition from Southampton and Sheffield Wednesday for the central defender.

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CRICKET: FIVE WICKETS FOR TUFNELL AS ENGLAND ROMP HOME

# Silverwood advances his claims for Test place

IN PALMERSTON NORTH

COMPETITION for bowling about the skills of Tutnell places in the England team to . olay New Zealand in the first Test in Auckland next week has intensified after their victory over a Select XI here by. the handsome margin of an innings and 113 runs.

The selectors have been steadfast in their policy of fielding six front-line batsmen since the start of the tour's international programme in Zimbabwe, but the addition of Dominic Cork and Craig White to the squad has created attacking options.

These were further increased yesterday by the performances of Chris Silverwood and Phil Tufnell at Fitzherbert Park. The pair captured eight of the nine wickets to fall on the final day as the Select XI were dismissed for 176 halfway through the second session.

David Lloyd, the coach, was effusive in his praise of England's bowling performance in their opening first-class fixture in New Zealand. We bowled as well as I have seen since I took over as coach on: what was a good batting pitch," he said. "Our situation is competitive. Silverwood is on a learning curve but he gives his all, is

opposition discussing him.".

New Zealand know all since it was his 11-wicket haul at Christchurch five years ago that set up England's last victory in a Test series overseas. The Middlesex leftarmer is aware of the

competition that he faces from Croft, though since the Auckland square has been completely relaid in the past six months, the tour management will be left to play a guessing game when it comes down to finalising the balance of the However, since five of the

Select side's top six batsmen were on trial for Test positions and the pitch offered very little encouragement, apart from pace and moderate bounce. England will now feel

Their optimism will have been improved by the standard of the fielding, which was

Select XI lost their last nine wickets for 151 runs - the last 50 or so being scored in lighthearted fashion as Danny Morrison and Robert Kennedy chanced their arm against Hamilton.

Alec Stewart set the tone for the day with a diving catch to dismiss Adam Parore, New Zealand's Test No 3, off Silverwood and, despite resembling a juggler in mid-act. Nick Knight reacted superbly to pick up Matthew Home at

The day's most spectacular fielding feat will have no bearing on the Test selection. Jack Russell, who ran out Mark Greatbatch with a direct throw from cover while fielding as substitute for White, who was stricken with influenza, does not figure in the selectors' plans.

Russell has not been given a search of match practice, in

### RTH SCOREBOARD

NEW ZEALAND SELECT XI: First trings 138 (C White 4-15)

Second Innings C J Sceamen c Attention b Cork.
B A Pocock c Hussein b Tufnell
AC Parore c Stewart b Stvenwood.
M A Home c Knight b Tufnell
M J Greatbatch run out

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-8, 2-34, 3-65, 4-75, 5-78, 6-99, 7-99, 8-122, 9-158. 90WLING: Cork 14-1-58-1; Caddick 18-8-24-0; Shierwood 14.1-5-29-3; Tufnel 24-8-58-5 ENGLAND XI: First smings 427-8 dec (A.J. Stewart 153, N.Hussein 139, D.K. Morrison 4-81).

through injury to Stewart, will this weekend play a club game for the South Auckland side, Takapuna, instead of joining the rest of the party in

The run-out started a procession. As lunch approached, Knight, reverting to his favoured position at slip, clung on to a sharp offering from Justin Vaughan, and Nasser Hussain, his partner in that area, dived full length to catch Blair Pocock, who had played stubbornly for his 43.

After the interval, as the early cloud rolled away, it was not a question of if England would record their first victory since Matabeleland were swept aside in Bulawayo, but when. In the event, England needed only another hour and, in order to earn time off today for a fishing trip, the players were then ordered into the nets to complete a thoroughly professional day's work.

The lack of depth in the game in New Zealand was reflected yesterday in the make-up of their 12-man squad named for the first Test. Although several senior players failed to make any impact for the Select XI, they have retained their places.



# Dravid and Ganguly inject life into India's batting

FROM JOHN WOODCOCK IN JOHANNESBURG

THE third Test match between South Africa and India . began with a day that, for the most part, was one more for the connoisseur than the layman. By tea, India had reached only 117 for three from 59 overs; but the evening brought another 116 runs, delightfully made by Dravid and Ganguly. With the second new hall already ten overs old. and Azharuddin still to come, India, at 233 for three have every reason to feel much

Being the bold spirit that he is, Tendulkar chose to bat when most captains would the other option. In the event, vived a straightforward the South Africa bowlers chance to Cullinan at first slip struggled to find their line, off Klusener, Rathore was

which, in a curious way, did not so much provide scoring opportunities as limit them. Except in one spell by Donald after lunch, they all seemed strangely disorientated. Just as important, the pitch

was nothing like as fast as expected. Rather than standing in the centre of the sponsor's logo, as the groundsman thought he might when the ball was hard and new, Richardson, the South Africa wicketkeeper, was perfectly comfortable at a normal distance. With Rathore and Mongia content just to survive; the first hour, indeed the first 90 minutes,

was uneventful. There followed India's most soon out at the other end. caught at the wicket pushing forward at the first ball Adams had bowled at the Wanderers, a googly. Rathore's contribution was

worth much more than the scorecard will ever tell. Fortified by lunch. Donald first had Mongia dropped at the wicket. and then bowled him all ends up. Richardson's miss was a remarkable one, for it was in preparing to throw the ball up that he dropped it. He went the colour of a London bus.

It was cloudy enough for the ball to swing for quite a lot of the day, but India's young batsmen are becoming more adept at what and what not to play. Nothing less than good, quired, and, in Tendulkar's case, a little early luck. His third and fourth balls both

FOOTBALL

went rather chancily for four off Pollock. A glorious cover drive off Donald put him right, and he set about showing his side the way. At the nets here on Wednesday, I picked up Tendulkar's bat: weighing 2lb 120z, it felt like a

### SCOREBOARD

INDIA: First Innings V Rethore c Richerdson b Adams .... †N R Mongle b Donald ......R S Dravid not out ..... "S R Tendulkar c McMillen b Cronje

Total (Swids) 233
M Azhanddin, V S Lazman, A Kumble, J
Shriath, D Genesh and B V K Prasad to bet
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-25, 2-46, 3-100
BOWLING: Donald 18, 18-44-1; Potlock 19,
7-38-0; McMillan 145-3-34-0; Nusere 164-47-0; Adams 14-4-47-1; Crong 8-4-19-1. SOUTH AFRICA: G Kirsten, A C Hudson, A M Bacher, D J Cullinen, "W J Cronle, B M McMillen, S M Pollock, †D J Richardson, L Klusener, A A Donald, P R Adems. Umpires: C Milchiley (SA) and P Willey (Eng)

When, 20 minutes before tea. Tendulkar was snapped

up at second slip, it was as much of a surprise to him. I think, as it was an obvious delight to the South Africans. The ball flew fast to McMillan. Tendulkar having fairly thrown his sleeper at it.

railway sleeper, but, unlike

Azharuddin, he says he cannot

get on with a lighter one.

initiative was with India.

at Delhi, Bridgetown and Lord's reveals it as a new way of seeing the world. Mercifully, he adopts a more orthodox

stance than he did as a batsman, otherwise, when standing at the bowler's end, he would appear to be facing deep extra cover, and that would never do. I would not absolutely swear to it, but Willey seems to

to have both umpired a Test match and scored a century in one, and the other two. Gerry Gomez and Billy Wade, each umpired only one. Whereby, in both cases, hangs a tale. Wade stood at Newlands in the first Test match between South Africa and Bill Lawry's Australia side in 1969-70. At lians had treated him with such scorn.

As for Gomez, he was called upon to umpire the Test match between West Indies and Australia at Georgetown in 1964-65, as the only way of settling a spat between the West Indies Board and the local umpires' association, and of getting the game started. Although he held an um-

pire's certificate, Gomez had never stood in a first-class match, nor was ever to do so again. Moreover, he was at the time not only chairman of the West Indies selectors, but also a member of the radio commentary team. When stumps were drawn, he repaired to the microphone to give his judicial summing up. Make of it what you will, but there was only one leg-before

### Hat-trick by Stuart

ANTHONY STUART, the Australia fast bowler, dismissed ljaz Ahmed. Mohammad Wasim and Moin Khan to claim a hattrick against Pakistan in a World Series match in Melbourne yesterday.

Chasing Pakistan's total of 181 for nine, Michael Bevan, who made 79, helped to steer Australia to 182 for seven with three balls to spare.

Aamir Sohail, of Pakistan, was reported to Raman Subba Row, the match referee, for showing dissent upon his dismissal. He claimed that the ball he hooked to long leg had bounced over shoulder high and should have been a no-ball.

TOKYO: Jopan Open Merr. Second round: A Wiranetz (indo) of Doring Jong (China) 18-15, 15-8. H Bengtisson (See) bt H Yameda (Japan) 15-9, 15-8; A Kusuma (Indo) bt K Tsunsyama (Japan) 15-1, 15-5; T Stuer-Laundsen (Den) bt P Knowless (Eng) 15-7, 15-6; H Soensen (Den) bt H Man Dorg Sung (S Kor) 15-12, 17-14, J van Delt (Hot) bt F Machida (Japan) 15-7, 15-5; P Resmussen (Den) bt Ham Dong Sung (S Kor) 15-12, 17-14, J van Delt (Hot) bt F Machida (Japan) 15-7, 15-5; P Resmussen (Den) bt S Ota (Japan) 15-6, 15-12; I Wilaya (Indo) bt K Massuda (Japan) 15-6, 15-12; I Wilaya (Indo) bt K Massuda (Japan) 15-7, 15-2; Pert. Sung-Woo (S Kor) bt Y Yosinkawa (Japan) 15-7, 15-5; P Santoso (Indo) bt D Enlason (Swa) 15-7, 15-6, P G Christensen (Den) bt D Hat (Eng) 15-11, 15-6; R Sadek (Malaysia) bt N Subandoro (Indo) 15-12, 15-13
TELFORD: Under-21 match: England E Sweden 1 (England lead sedes 1-0).

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Cherloite 116 New Jersey 104: Golden State 128 Philadelpha 111: Orlando 78, Dallas 66: Chicago 112 Merwesota 102: New York 94 Sen Antono 77, Seattle 122 Toronto 78: Detroi 103 Vencouver 79; Indigna 108 Los Angeles Cioppes 93, 7-LIP TROPHY: Quarter finate: Pinst leg: Elmingham 77 Lecester 95: Tharries Velley 65 Chester 90: Worthing 81 Sheffield 80. ELROPEAN LEAGUE Group G: Pate-thrusten 90 Seville 71 Group H: Eses Picer, (Turkey) 74 Spit 80.

Weish Indoor Masters: First chuback (Aus) bt G Williams

**CRESTA RUN** 

17-8, 7-3. A ABCOCK (Eng) bt J Henry 7, 7-8, 7-4; S Rees (Weles) bt H Duff 7-1, 7-3, K Kerkow (Aus) bt R Weale ) 7-0, 5-7, 7-0.

Australia v Pakistan

Australia, best Publisher by fires wicks
PANGSTAN
Asmir Schall of Lehrmans b Stuart
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Isa Ahmed o Healy b Stuart
Isa Ahmed o Healy b Stuart
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# SNOW REPORTS

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Huez 95 260 good varied good fine (Still excellent skiing on most plales) 125 145 good heavy good sun (Good surny skiing but some worn palches low down) FRANCE Alpe d'Huez (South slopes soft in afternoon; still mostly very good) Le Clysaz

o 95 200 good moguls feir sun 5 7/1 (Snew good above 2.000 metres: some worn/hard spots below) Lvigrio SWITZERLAND C Montana

Source: Sie Club of Great Britain.

CRICKET World Series Cup

Conditions Runs to Off/p resort

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(Excellent sking on well-groomed pistes)

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(Very good sking conditions throughout

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(Upper rurs good; lower have some worn/hard patches)

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(Generally very good sking; glorious weather)

L - lower slopes, U - upper.

Second division Burnley v Bury (7.45) DR MARTENS LEAGUE Southern di-

RUGBY UNION A International matches

reland v France
(at Donnybrook, 2.30)
Scotland v Wales
(at Goldenacre, 2.15) Under-21 international matches Ireland v France (at Angelsaa Road, ncon) Scotland v Wales (al Goldenacre, 12.45)

REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: Scottish Classica v Welsh Classics (at Meggetland,

BOWLS: Welsh Masters (Llanelli).

SWIMMING: British Grand Prix

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INDIAN WELLS, Californier Bob Hope-Chryster Classic: Leading first-round scores (US unless stated); 83: L'Arriex, 65: JD Blake, P Goydos, J Daly, T Tolles 68: J Parnewik Swel, R Coerran, F Funk, J Cook, S Gump, L Mattisce, L Rinker, 67: J Gelbagher, G Borce, B McCallister, F Zoeller, P Talaurang; (NZ), P Jacobsen, R Darmon, A Lyle (GS), Other scores: 68: G Wale (NZ), N Ozald (Japan) 74: F Allem (SA) 78: G Hjortetsck (Swel)

EUROPEAN SUPER CUP: First leg: Paris Schrödermain 1 Juventus 6
SCHOOLS MATCHES: FA Premier
Leegus Under-18 Trophy: Comwell 3
Devon 2 Hempshire 1, Witstrire 1 ESFA
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Greenhead College (Huddershad) 1 St
Addens C of E (Harrogale) North Yorkshae

Kick-off 7.30 unless stated

vision: Nevant v Waterloovise FAI HARP LAGER NATIONAL LEAGUE: Premier division: Shebourne v Bray (7.43). FA UMBRO TROPHY: First round: Has-tings v Satisbury.

> NGLO-WELSH CUP: Pool 28: Newpor 13 Saracens 19. CLUB MATCH: Feantoel 10 Uaneli 31.

6.15): CLUB MATCHES: Boroughmus v Lianelli (7.30); Currie v Handis FP (7.30); Dundes HSFP v Pontypridd (7.0); Glasgow Southern v Bigges (7.0); Kalso v Jad-Furest (7.15); Nasport v Richmond (7.0); Salfak (7.15); Nassonians v Crewshaye Welsh XV (7.15) Wassonians v Crewshaye Welsh XV (7.15) OTHER SPORT

GOLF

HOCKEY

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Pittsburgh 3 Harriord 0; Buffalo 2 NY Istanders 1; Ottowa 5 Weshington 1; Los Angoles 3 Toronto 2; Coloredo 4 Tampa Bay 2, St. Louis 4 Proentx 1, Calgary 2 Anahelm 1; Edmonton 4 Rondge 0 SUPERLEAGUE: Ayr 5 Manchester 2; Newcestin 6 Besingstoke 4; Sheffield 6 Notingham 3.

MOTOR RALLYING

MOUNT BYINE BAY, Tobago: Goldwin Pro-Am: Leading final scores: 279: G Furey 68, 69, 74, 58, 290: A Sharborne 68, 70, 72, 72, 296: W Longmur 73, 72, 71, 69; G.J. Brand 69, 74, 69, 73, 297: R Winchester 76, 72, 57, 68, 288: P Way 77, 68, 73, 70, M Pozon 72, 72, 70, 74; S Bottomlay 73, 75, 71, 69, 289: R Lee 72, 71, 71, 75, 290: R Boxal 75, 69, 73, 73, 292: D Longer 75, 75, 71, 71, 293: D Lloyd 74, 74, 74, 71, 294: P Carlos 72, 72, 75, 75, 298: S Richardson 74, 75, 71, 75, 308: P Townsend 73, 79, 77, 77, 311; L Kinch 76, 81, 77, 77, 77 Sundarjand D Arsand 2: Postponect West Ham v Westhern, SELL'S SCOTTISH LEAGUE: Premier division; Kilmanuch 1 Bangers 1. Second division: Cusen of the South 0 Oyde 2: TENENTS' SCOTTISH CUP: Second-round repley; Inverses CT 0 Stranser 0 [set: Inverses win 4-3 on pens). UNISOND LEAGUE: President's Cup: First-tround repley: Fersley Celtor 2 Guiseley 0.

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PM MARTTENS LEAGUE: League Cup:
Third round: Raunds T 2 Tarmworth 1
Postponed: Belcock V Tombridge
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WELSH CUP: Fourth-round replay: Conwy
2 Casmarton 0. Postponed: Etow Valie v
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AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First
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Postponed: Ipswifch v Tottenham:
Southampton v Wimbledon.
PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Postponed: Nolts Courny v Port
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FIXTURES

DAKAR RALLY: Eleventh stage (Kodel io Imbulchoo, 577km); Carst 1, JP Shupo (Fr) Mitsubishi, Shr 40mm 11eec; 2, P Satupishi, Shr 40mm 11eec; 2, P Satupishi, Shr 40mm 11eec; 3, K Shrinzaha (Jepen) Mitsubishi, at 3ran 18sec; 3, K Shrinzaha (Jepen) Mitsubishi, at 3ran 17:12; 6, JP Forrency (Fr) Masubishi, at 17:12, Leading overall positions; 1, Shrinzaka 48m 45min 35eec; 2, Forteney at 45eac; 3, B Saby (Fr) Mitsubishi, at 925 Motoroyoles; 1, J Lewis (US) KTM, Shr 54min; 2, O Gallerdo (Sp) Cagas, at 9:10; 3, Il Castera (Fr) Yamaha, at 11:31; 4, St Peterhonsel (Fri) Yamaha, at 11:31; 4, St Peterhonsel (Fri) Yamaha, at 11:41; 5, J Accarons (Sp) KTM, st 14:13, 6, D von 7tzzewtz (Austria) KTM, 19:29, Leading overall positions; 1, Peterhansel 52:08:08; 2, Accarons at 129:37; 3, Gerlando at 2:19:52.

SILK CUT CHALLENGE CUP: Second round: Wainey Central 17 Millorn 10 **RUGBY UNION** 

RUGBY LEAGUE'

SNOOKER BLACKPOOL: European Open: Signifin qualifying round (England unless stated). P Davies (Wates) by J Prince (N Ire) 5-0; D Clarks bx P Hunter 5-4; R Miljens bit M Duffy (N Ire) 5-7; C Shade (Scot) bt J Refers y (Ire) 5-3; G Dott (Scot) bt T Murphy (N Ire) 5-3; T Chappel (Wates) bt P McCullagh 5-2; M King bt J Johnson 5-1; M Stevens (Wates) bt S Murphy (Pile) 5-2; J Penny bt B Shaddon (Scot) 5-2; D Henry (Scot) bt P Canney 5-4; O Roc or B Jones 5-3; F O'Brien (Ire) bt D Reynolds 5-2; A Burnett (Scot) bt I Burnby 5-3; E Hendearson (Scot) bt I Burnby 5-3; E Hendearson (Scot) bt I Burnby S-3; E Hendearson (Scot) bt I Burnby (Scot) bt M Judge (Ire) 5-3; J Burnett (Scot) bt M Judge (Ire) 5-3;

Gavaskar. be one of only three cricketers Tendulkar's great mentor. thought he had "thrown away a hundred", and, if that was

somewhat severe, the panache with which Dravid and Ganguly batted after tea gave point to Gavaskar's opinion. For the last hour or more, the

England's Peter Willey, stand- the end of the match, he ing in his fourth Test match. announced he was finished That the other three have been with umpiring, the Austra-

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

By Robert Sheehan, bridge correspondent This hand is from the 1995 Malta international bridge festival.

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Contract: Three Hearts by South (I) Unsound. Double (penal-

ties) is better. Sowter (West) led the two of diamonds to East's ace; East continued with the queen of diamonds, covered by the king and ruffed with the nine of hearts. As the queen of diamonds was clearly East's highest diamond, West correctly switched to a spade.

After winning the ace of spades, East cashed the jack of diamonds on which West played a low club, and then played a second spade. The declarer won, drew trumps and took the rest of the tricks. As you can see, if East had played a fourth round of diamonds, that would have promoted a trump trick for the defence. So what went wrong?

Horion suggested after-

wards that West should throw

of diamonds, but that gives the contract if the declarer has Kxx of spades and Ax of clubs. I think that West should have returned the nine of spades at trick three, to discourage his partner from continuing spades: then, East's attention would have been drawn to the trump suit, and he would have realised the

with the nine of hearts. ☐ The 1997 Malta festival will be played in Sliema from February 15 to 21. Details from Mario Dix on 00356 330800: fax (10356 373683. ☐ Refresher articles will re-

sume next Friday. ☐ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend

### WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

b. A Bow Street Runner

c. An upper-class twit

Tony Sowter and Mark Horton, the experienced Great Britain internationals, were West and East, respectively.

Dealer East N-S game Matchpointed pairs

Pass All Pass

the queen of spades on the jack

significance of West's first ruff

section on Saturday.

Dickensians BOUNDERBY a. A self-made man

COMPEYSON a. A shady lawyer b. An unhappy schoolboy c. A wicked convict

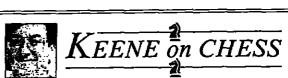
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PINCH a. A jailer b. A Christmas spirit c. A saintly fool MANTALINI

a. A young lover

b. A milliner

c. A go-between Answers on page 42



By RAYMOND KEENE CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Short's challenge

decision in the match.

Nigel Short, Great Britain's top grandmaster, begins his challenge in the elite tournament at Wijk aan Zee today. Short hopes to repeat his triumph from last month when he captured first prize in the tournament in the Dutch

town of Groningen. After his defeat by Garry Kasparov in London in the 1993 world title match, Short's career suffered a setback. However, he has now pushed back into the ranks of the world's top ten and his Groningen performance will edge him even more closely to the top of the world ranking list.

As I wrote yesterday, Gata Kamsky, the United States grandmaster, who challenged last year for the Fide championship, is the favourite, but in the past Short has beaten him on many occasions. His supporters will be hoping that he

White: Nigel Short Black: Gata Kamsky Tilburg 1990

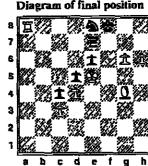
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15 Bxd3

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48 Ng4 49 Bxg4

Black resigns Diagram of final position



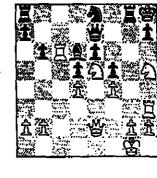
Raymond Keene writes on chess Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

WINNING MOVE

### By Raymond Keene

White to play. This position is from the game Adams - Benjamin, New York, 1995. How did White make the most of his active pieces? This is a difficult problem and, if you successfully work out White's combination, you can consider yourself a strong player.

Solution on page 42



BADIO CHOICE

# Repeat episodes of men behaving badly

when at White Hart Lane the scoreline still read I-I (which perhaps had something to do with it). Spurs new boy Ramon Vega attempted to shake Eric Cantona's hand.

There had been an incident beween the eager Swiss and the stolid Frenchman, Vega had been booked, and Cantona had assumed that characteristic look of thunder which only quite disperses, it seems, when he's musing about birdsong on a relax-

ing train to France. 'I had a The spurned offer of a placatory hand is basinful of a common enough occurrence on the football field, but I crassness' admit my nerve ends

were sensitised last weekend to bad manners, so I was getting more than

Oh, show some grace," I huffed at Cantona (it was on the telly). "Vega even let you have your opening goal, for heaven's sake, by dawdling behind Solskjaer! You could have a bit more grace." Unsurprisingly, however, Vega had to find something else to do with his hand (wipe away tears, or something), and the moment passed. Welcome to Britain, Ramon.

Normally this incident wouldn't make such an impression on me, but I had a hasinful of football crassness last weekend. On the Sky soccer awards on Sunday night, a propor-

THE Australian Open contin-

ued along familiar lines on the

fourth day of competition. Another man, Grant Stafford.

of South Africa, complained

about the softness of the balls.

during his defeat by Thomas

Muster, from Austria; another

woman, Stephanie De Ville. twisted her ankle on court.

and forfeited a match. Pete

Sampras charged on and Jim

Courier twice came from be-

Thank goodness, then, for

Jeff Tarango, the Californian

who was drummed out of

Tim Henman's third-round

match against Michael

Chang is expected to start about 9.15am today and

Eurosport will cover it live.

Highlights will be shown on

BBC2 on Sport on Friday

and in a special programme

Wimbledon two years ago for

calling an umpire, Bruno

Rebeuh. "the most corrupt

official in the game". One

adjective for him might be

colourful, though some ob-

servers have chosen less neu-

tral ones, and you have to

concede they may have a

point. After beating Marc

Rosset in straight sets he

announced, with a completely

straight face: This is the year

There was more. "I'm com-

ing out and I'm here to prove

myself. I'm 28 and this is my

year. I've been playing since I

between 6 and 7pm.

hind to prevail.

tion of the badly-behaved audience consistently booed the winners and catcalled the women, while it was clear from the patchy seat occupancy in the Wembley Arena that hoitytoity non-winners had declined to

This explained why the camera kept returning to Alan Shearer and David Beckham: nobody else had turned up. It was no surprise to anybody, therefore, that Shearer and Beckham won most of the awards between

> Meanwhile, at the Rangers-Aberdeen match on Sunday, I heard that some Aberdeen fans refused to observe a

minute's silence for George Young, a legendary former Rangers player. And to top it all, my away game on Saturday was at Nottingham Forest, where I have to say that a seat amid loud-mouthed Forest supporters on a freezing. prematurely dark and miserably wet afternoon is enough to make a day trip to Dante's ninth circle of hell

look overwhelmingly attractive. The funny thing was, I had gone along rather gung-ho for Forest. Stuart ("Psycho") Pearce, despite his disturbing resemblance to that great British tennis player Anne Jones, had my full support at this testing time. So it was amazing how quickly

I wanted to stand up and leave. The old injunction "If you can't say

was seven, and I have nothing

more to prove than I do this

year ... this is the year when

nothing is really going to

distract me, bother with me,

tangle with me. anything. I'm just going to fight my little butt

off and hopefully at the end of

the year I won't have a butt."

He also threatened to "kick

some ass" at Wimbledon al-

though, on his record there, it

could well be his own. As well

as storming out of Wimbledon

in 1995, when his French wife.

Benedict, slapped Rebeuh for good measure, he once dropped his shorts during a match against Michael Chang

in Tokyo. Now he is keen to wipe the slate clean.

his suspension from Wimble-

don in the south of France. "I

had wine and cheese instead

of strawberries and cream."

he said. But the expulsion

because he thinks Wimbledon

is "the greatest tournament on

earth" and wants desperately to show spectators his best

form. "I don't think I've ever

really seen my potential, and

nobody else has either," he

said. "I hit the ball so well in

the centre of the racket every

time, there's no reason why I

shouldn't be doing as well as

and it is the obvious one: his

most formidable opponent re-

mains himself. "It's strange,"

he said. "When I'm on court

I'm intense. I'm fired up. I'm

going to massacre anyone

There is a reason, of course,

some of the others.

Last year, Tarango served

So now you know.

LYNNE TRUSS



Kicking and Screaming

something nice, don't say anything at all" has never cut much ice with football fans, while of course "Ladies present" cuts none whatsoever. But the horrible abuse yelled at the Cheisea players beside the Trent was the worst (also the most aggressive and unfunny) I've ever heard, and made me wince in tortured silence ali afternoon.

Only afterwards did I hear the story of Brian Clough once erecting an over-optimistic sign at the City Ground: "Gentlemen. No swearing please. Brian." Evidently, this notice didn't work, and I'm not surprised. Having experienced the Forest fans at close range, I can only suggest that he should have plumped for a

TENNIS: SAMPRAS AND SANCHEZ VICARIO EASE THROUGH TO THIRD ROUND OF AUSTRALIAN OPEN

Fiery Tarango talks up his chances

less kid-gloved approach. "Gentle-men. You are boring bastards. Just

On the pitch, Forest's game was wholehearted, Chelsea's less so, and the main feature of the match was that Pearce (presumably when he had completed his other duties of deaning the showers and counting the ticket stubs) had cunningly appointed full back Des Lyttle to neutralise the talented Gianfranco

This turned out to be a highly effective ploy, as Chelsea without Zola (and with Vialli and Gullit on the bench) were like a vacuum cleaner still gamely roving up and down (and

doing the corners) but with the plug

pulled out and no suck. For Zola, it must have been terrible - like trying to shake off a very heavy phantom overcoat. Lyttle was not so much marking him as using him as a clothes hanger. Zola pluckily zigzagged and doubled back, but to no avail. I kept waiting in vain for the moment when he would lose nationce, turn around to face Lyttle, exclaim "Abbastanza!" ("Enough!"), then produce a gun and

The worst thing, of course, was having to celebrate the Forest goals with fingers crossed behind my back. If I was slightly predisposed towards Chelsea before the match devastating to girls), I started loathing Forest from the minute before kick-off when the boy in the next seat bashed me on the head with an inflatable sausage (don't ask).

Insult and injury were both unstoppable, it seemed, especially when Pearce's heat-seeking goal from a free kick in the fortieth minute made everybody in the Executive Stand jig about in ecstasy while I stood up reluctantly and pretended, with a thin smile, to be

'I loathed Forest before the kick-off

second goal in the 53rd minute made less impression. What it signified. however, was that ages now remained in which to suffer the cheerful song of triumph

Forest's clinching

"Stand up, if you're staying up!" — a chant I felt sorely tempted to quibble with, since Forest were clearly "up" by only two places from the bottom, whichever way you sliced it. So it all left a rather sour taste. The

foul-mouthed Chelsea supporters on the St Pancras train were so wearied by emotion that they passed out before Bedford, and I was thankful for that small mercy. What can be done about this crassness. I don't know. Counter-violence is never an answer, but I felt like yelling "Abbastanza!" by the end of last weekend's footy. And thank goodness I didn't have a gun.

# More agony for Auntie?

The programme that ought to be broadcast 52 weeks a year returns for a new series, thus letting some steam out of the kettles owned by Disgusted of Tumbridge Wells. Chris Dunkley presides with admirable aplomb over the despair (and occasional delight) pouring from concerned listeners, but the pick of Feedback often lies in appearances by defensive BBC producers, too many of whom still speak as if complaining listeners are deaf aunis who have to be humowed. The best argument for Feedback is that it is regarded as unmissable in the BBC's corridors of power. As for issues, Test matrix cricket on Radio 4 long wave is guaranteed a longer run than any recent Atherton innings.

Breaking Chains: Lutoslawski Weekend. Radio 3, 5, 15pm onwards. This is the opener to three days of programmes featuring the music of Witold Lutoslawski, the Polish composer who was almost unknown in the West until the fall of the communists. The main event tonight is a live broadcast from the Barbican Hall, London. The BBC Symphony Orchestra plays four works from the 1980s plus two earlier pieces, including the 1954 Concerto for Orchestra. At 8.25 there is a feature by Bernard Jacobson on Lutoslawski's life, in the composer's own words and those of his contemporaries. Reading Chaine by the own words and those of his contemporaries. Breaking Chains, by the way, is a reference to the term that Lutoslawski used to describe the melodic freedom that he introduced late in his life.

Peter Barnard

WORLD SERVICE

RADIO 1

7.00am Chris Evans 10.00 Simon Mayo 12.00 Mary Anne Hobbs 2.00pm Nicky Campbell 4.00 Mark Goodler 7.00 Pete Tong: Essential Selection 10.00 One in the Jungle. Two hours of drum in bass mix from MC Det and MC Dynamite with Bryan Gee 12.00 Radio 1 Rap Show. Presented by Tim Westwood 3.00am Annie Nightingale 5.00 Charlie Jordan, includes the Film or Plo-quiz RADIO 2

6.00em Sareh Kennedy 7.30 Wogan, includes 9.15 Pause for Thought 9.30 Ken Bruce 11.30 Jimmy Young 1.30pm Debbie Thrower 3.00 Ed Stewart 5.05 John Dunn 7.00 Wowlsbgroony. With Toyah Wilcox and Jettrey Hotland 7.30 Enday Night is Music Night From the Hippodrome, Golders Green, London. BBC Concert Orchestra, under Robin Stapleton 9.00 Listen to the Band 10.00 Shendan Morley 12.05emt Charles Nove

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Morning Reports 6.00 The Breakfast Programme 8.35 The Magazine 12.00 Midday with Mair 2.05pm Ruscoe on Five 4.00 Nationwide 7.00 News Evitar 7.35 Parkinson on Sport 8.30 Friday Sport. Presented by Robin Bailey: Footbet Burnley take on Bury In Dission Two of the Netionwide Lasque. Plus a preview of the Five Nations Rugby Championship that starts tormorrow 10.05 Paper Talk, with Jay Rayner and Brian Alexander 11.00 Night Edita, with David McNell 12.05 Alter Hours 2.05 Up Al Night, with Richard Dallyn. All Night, with Richard Dallyn

TALK RADIO

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4.00mm Sally Peterson 6.00 Mike Read 9.00 Herry Kelly 12.00 Susannah Simons 2.00pm Conceto R Strauss (Obos Concerto) 3.00 Jamile Chic 6.00 Newsright 6.30 Sonata. Brahms (Molin Sonsta in D manor, Op 108) 7.00 Showcase 8.00 Concert. Borodin (Polovisian Dances); Scharwenka (Pano Concerto No 4 in F minor, Op 82);

VIRGIN RADIO

6.00am Russ 'n' Jono's Breakfast Experience 10.00 Graham Dene 1.00pm Jeremy Clark 4.00 Nicky Horrie 7.00 Paul Coyte (PM) / Robin Banks (AM) 10.00 Alan Freeman 12.00 Mark Forrest 2.00am Howard Pearce

6.00am On Air. Presented by Andrew McGregor, includes Fauré (Suite: Pellées et Mélisande); Tcheilvovslov (Siring Quertet No 3 In E flat minor, Op 30); Purcell (Ol Fair Cedarla, Hide Those Eyes, Z402); Wagner (Brünnhide's Bettle Ory, Die Walküre); Glazunov (Plano Concerto No 2 In B)

Catriona Young, Includes Dukas (The Sorcere's Apprentice); Villa-Lobos (Five Preludes); Panufnik (Sinfonia

rustica) 1**0.00 Musicai Encountars.** With Nick Morgan. Includes Dvorák (Slavonic Dance in C. Op 46 No 1); Byrd (Fantasy Two in One); Beethoven (Plano (Contrapunctus 13. The Art of ugue), Oliver Knussen

Coursing); Brahms (Piano Sonata No 3 in Fiminor, Op 12,00 Composer of the Week:

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1.00pm News; St. David's Heil
Lunchtime Recital. Nicola
Heywood Thomas introduces
a recital by the Prazak
Quartet. Haydin (String)
Quartet in C. Op 76 No 3.
Emparati: Smatter (String)

1.55 How Do You Get to
Camegle Hall? The Brodsky
Quarter task about the ritual of
rehearsal. Followed by Mozart
(String Quarter in B flat, K458,
Hust 4th ritvi)
2.15 Music Restored. Recital by
the New Fizzwilliam Quarter.
Boccherini (Quartertino in B
flat, Op 33 No 4). Beethoven
(String Quarter in F) rin

(String Quartet in F) (r) inder rectals by Jenet Baker, John Shirley-Quirk, Richard Lewis, Mary Thomas, Michael Lengdon and Peter Pears 5.00 Music Machine. 5.15 in Tune. Anthony Burton

presents an introduction to the BBC's weekend festival devoted to the music of Mitold Lutoslawski Choice 8.25 The Man. Bernard Jacobson introduces

a biographical sketch 8.50 Part 2
9.55 Money Metters
10.15 Hear and Now. Robert
Ziegler introduces a concert
given at the Institute of
Contemporary Arts in London
by Capricon, conducted by
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12.15am Composer of the Week
Monteverdi

1.15 Through the Night, Includes
3.00 Schools 5.00 Sequence

5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping 5.55

6.30 Going Places
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 Pick of the Week, Presented

by Michael Rosen 8.05 Any Cruestions? With Peg Alexander, speaker for the Green Party, Michael Jack, MP, Financial Secretary to the

Weather 6.00 Six O'Clock Nears

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 4/ BOUNDERBY

of Mr Tarango."

(a) In Hard Times, Josiah Bounderby is "a rich man: banker, merchant, manufacturer, and what not". A prominent citizen of Coketown and a self-advertising self-made man. He marries Louisa Gradgrind. His pretence of humility is exposed by the appearance of his mother, the unjustly maligned Mrs Pegler.

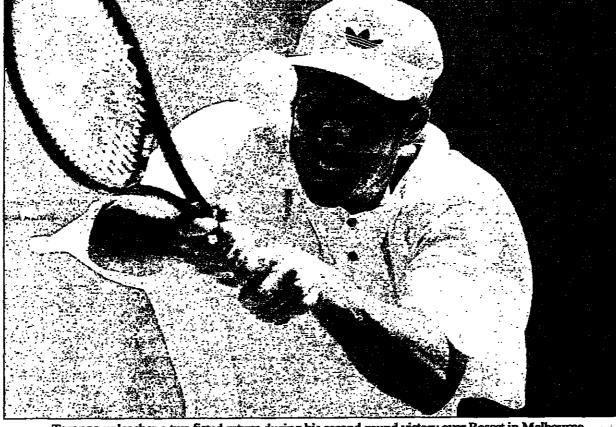
(c) In Great Expectations, a criminal, an earlier associate of Magwitch. Later a fellow-convict and deadly enemy, the villain of the novel. Like so many of Dickens's bad lots, he has been educated at a public school before turning gentleman-forger. He is revealed, in one of the novel's numerous coincidence the lover who abandoned Miss Havisham. He is eventu e coincidences, a drowned in attempting to prevent Magwitch from fleeing the PINCH

(c) In Martin Chuzzlewit, the assistant to Pecksniff, "an ungainly awkward-looking man, extremely short-sighted and pre-maturely hald". Unwordly and credulous, and a kind of saintly fool, he is at first deceived by Pecksniff's pretensions, but he is later sent away by Pecksniff and comes to realise the truth. He plays the organ and entertains an unrequited love for Mary Graham. MANTALINI

(b) In Nicholas Nickleby, Madame Mantalini is the milliner and dressmaker who employs Kate Nickleby. Her name is a facetiously Italianate version of "mantle". She later goes bankrupt, and Kate loses her job. Her husband Alfred is lazy dissipated and extravagantly affected. He has "married on his whiskers", the lady being much older than he. He is unfaithful, pretends to poison himself, and makes his final appearance lurning a mangle.

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

 Rxdh! Nxdb (I.... Qxdb; 2, Nf7+ is immediately disastrous); 2, Nc6 Qd7 (best): 3, Qe5+ Rg7; 4, Nxg7 Nc4 (this counter-attack against the queen is a good try but White can still break through); 5. Qxe6 Qxg7; 6, Rg3 Qf8, 7, Ne5 and Black can no longer cope with White's threats.



Tarango unleashes a two-fisted return during his second-round victory over Rosset in Melbourne

RESULTS FROM MELBOUR

that's on the other side of the net. When I'm off court I've always been like it's been (sic). It's kind of a metamorphosis that goes on.'

Sampras, the world No l. who is not inclined to see the world in such stark terms, dropped the first set before overpowering Adrian Voinea. of Romania 3-6, 6-2, 6-3, 6-2 Sampras's American compatriot. Courier, twice a winner of this championship, eventually forced his way past Slava Dosedel, of the Czech Repub-

lic, 4-6, 6-2, 3-6, 6-4, 6-4. The most peculiar match of the day was Arantxa Sanchez Vicario's victory in three min-utes over the Belgian, De Ville. The Spaniard had just won the first game when De Ville twisted her ankle and defaulted. Sánchez Vicario acted as a nurse, much as Steffi Graf had done earlier in the week.

Second round

Second round
D Hrbary (Slovakia) bt N Kults (Swe) 6-2,
6-1, 6-2, M Waadtonde (Aus.) bt H Gurry
(Arg) 6-0, 6-1, 7-5: N Godwin (SA) bt G
Kuerten (Br) 6-7, 6-0, 6-1; 6-0; P Sampras (US) bt A Voinea (Rom) 3-6, 6-2, 6-3,
6-2: S Draper (Aus.) bt F Dewutt (Bel) 7-6,
7-5, 6-0; C Woodruff (US) bt J Novalt (C2)
6-2, 7-6, 6-2; A Berasatlegul (Sp) bt C
Carbonell (Sp) 8-3, 7-5, 6-4; J Courier
(US) bt S Dosedel (C2) 4-6, 6-2, 3-6, 6-4,
6-4: W Ferreira (SA) bt J Frans (Arg) 6-3, (US) bt S Dosedel (C2) 4-6, 6-2, 3-6, 6-4, 6-4; W Ferretra (SA) bt J Franz (Arg) 6-3, 3-6, 6-2, 6-1; J Bjorkman, (Swe) bt M Göliner (Ger) 6-4, 3-6, 6-4, 6-1; T Muster (Austra) bt G Stailford (SA) 6-3, 6-2, 6-2, C Fluud (Nor) bt L Paes (India) 6-2, 6-2, 6-2, A Costa (Sp) bt J Knoslak (Slovatka) 6-1, 7-6, 7-6, J Tarango (US) bt M Rosset (Switz) 6-4, 6-1, 6-1, J Kniposchild (Ger) bt J-P Fleutian (Ft) 6-2, 7-6, 7-5, R Furlan (It) bt P Tramacchi (Aus) 7-6, 6-7, 6-2, 7-6, G Nanisevic (C70) bt K Kucara (Slovatka) 8-4, 6-2, 6-2

First round

6-4; S Draper (Aus) and B Steven (NZ) bt T Heruman (GB) and J Stemerink (Hoti) 6-3, 6-4; R Leach (US) and J Stank (US) bt T Mitchell (Aus) and G Silicock (Aus) 6-0, 6-4; T Woodbridge (Aus) and M Wood-lorde (Aus) 6-3, 7-8; E Ferreira (SA) and P Galbraith (US) bt S Dosedel (C2) and P Vizner (C2) 6-3, 6-0; M Knowles (Bah) and D Nestor (Can) bt J Eagle and A Florent (Aus) 6-4, 6-3; G Multer (SA) and K Utlyett (SA) bt J Holmes (Aus) and A Painter (Aus) 6-3, 6-6-1; K Jones (US) and S Melvitle (US) bt T Carbonell (Sp) and A Corretja (Sp) 3-6, 6-4, 6-4.

Women's singles Second round
A Sánchez Vicario (Spi) bt S de Ville (Bel)
1-0, ret; P Schmyder (Switz) bt M Endo.
(Japan) 6-0, 8-4; A Huber (Ger) bt F
Luban (It) 4-6, 6-2, 6-0; Sri-Ting Wang
(Taiwan) bt J Watenabe (LUS) 7-5, 5-3; M
Hingus (Switz) bt L Raymond (LUS) 6-4,
6-2, B Schett (Aus) bt A Fusal (Fr) 2-6,
7-5, 7-5; Sibleinova (Cz) bt AG Sidot (Fr)
6-4, 4-6, 8-5; S Farina (It) bt P Sumez
(Arg) 6-4, 5-1; K Habsudova (Slovaka) bt N
Bractice (Aus) 6-3, 6-3, H Nagyova
(Slovaka) bt F Labet (Arg) 6-3, 6-2, R
Dragomit (Pom) bt V Rueno-Pascual (Spi)
7-6, 6-1, A Coetzer (SA) bt J Kanderr
(Ger) 6-2, 7-6; D van Robst (Bel) bt Y
Yoshida (Japan) 4-6, 7-5, 6-3; M J Second round

6-4; I Spiries (Rom) bt J Kruger (SA) 6-1, 6-1; M Grzybowska (Pol) br M Tr (US) 6-4, 6-7, 6-1; K Brendi (US) bt N van Women's doubles

First round

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First round:
G Fernandez (US) and A Sánchez Vicerio
(Sp) bt A Coetzer (SA) and M Pierce (Fr)
6-3, 6-2 C Mertinez (Sp) and P Transbin
(Arg) bt V Martinek (Ger) and C Schneider
(Ger) 6-1, 6-3, A Huber (Ger) and B
Pättner (Ger) bt C Bardsy (Aus) and K-A
Guss (Aus) 6-1, 4-6, 6-3; L Devenoport
(US) and L Raymond (US) bt R Grande (II)
and A Suglyama (Japan) 6-3, 7-6; Gomochategui (Arg) and A Montablo (Sp) bt A
Lettlere (US) and G Pezichini (ft) 6-4, 2-8,
7-5; P Hy-Boulas (Can) and C Mororiu
(US) bt K Kschwendt (Austria) and B
Schreit (Austria) 6-4, 6-1; S Krivencheva
(Bul) and F Parketti (I) bt W Probs (Ger)
and P Schryder (Swizz) 6-3, 6-4; N
Bradite (Aus) and R McCluidian (Aus) bt E
Martincova (Cz Rep) and E Wagner (Ger)
6-3, 4-6, 6-3; A Fusa (Fr) and M Paz (Arg)
bt D Jones (Aus) and T Tanasugam (Thai)
6-2, 6-4; E Callens (Ba) and G HeigesonNicisen (US) bt M Werdel-Witmyer and T
Whittinger-Jones (US) 6-2, 6-0; E De Lone
(US) and C Wood (GE) bt L Golarse (II)
and A-G Skidot (Fr) 6-3, 7-8.

NON-LEAGUE FOOTBALL: DIRECTORS SHORTLIST THREE FOR SOUTHPORT JOB

### Davenport improves his managerial prospects

PETER DAVENPORT, the former Manchester United and England striker. may yet extend his month as caretaker manager of Southport into a full-time role as the Vauxhall Conference club prepares to fill the vacancy left by Steve Joel's resignation last month (Walter Gammie writes).

Charles Clapham, the Southport chair-man, said: "Two of the directors have been away and don't return until today. We hope to come to a decision sooner

good job as caretaker. Hence he's in the

Another Conference club seeking a new manager is Gateshead, who dismissed Colin Richardson, in charge since 1993, after their third successive home defeat, by Telford United last Saturday. David Clarke, the assistant coach, joined by Jeff Wrightson and Kenny

Lowe, the senior players, are in charge of

rather than later. There are three people on the shortlist. Peter has done a very round of the FA Umbro Trophy tomorrow. The club has advertised its

> Macclesfield Town, the holders, open their defence of the Trophy with the most taxing assignment possible, away to Kidderminster Harriers, the Vauxhall Conference leaders.

☐ Woking yesterday signed Justin Jackson, the Morecambe striker, for a dub-

5.55am Shipping (LW) 6.00
News Briefing 6.10 Farming
Today 6.25 Preyer for the Day
6.30 Today 8.40 Yesterday in
Partiament 6.58 Weather
9.00 News 9.05 Desert Island
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9.45 Feedback. See Choice
10.00 News; Let's Make Our
Towns Nice Agein (FM),
with Ray Gosting (3/6)

with Ray Gosling (3/6) 10.00 An Act of Worship (LW) 10.15 On This Day (LW) 10.30 Woman's Hour 11.30 The Natural History

Programme 12.00 News; You and Yours, with Mark Whittaker 12.25pm The Food Programme, with Derek Cooper 12.55

Weather 1.90 The World at One, with Nick

1.40 The Archers (r) 1.55 Stopping
2.00 News; Classic Serial; A
Thousand Acres, by Jane
Smiley. With Trevor Peacock,
Kate Harper, Loreld King and
Lachelle Cart (2/3) (f)
3.00 News; The Afternoon Shift
4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope.
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Tim Marlow reads tain Sinclair's new book reporting picturesque journeys, on foot, round London Short Story: Curl Up and Dye, by Peter Lovesey

Mir. Financial Secretary to Tressury, Jack Straw, MP; and the Rt Rev Tom Buller, Bishop of Leicester. Chare by Jonathan Dimisleby 8.50 The Bee-Loud Glade (r) 9.15 Letter from America, by Alistar Cooke 9.30 Kaleldoscope Feature: E Kaleidoscope Feature: Em Melley and the Wizards of Oz. A look at the Rerary hoax

Weather 10.00 The World Tonight, with Robin Lustig

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12.00 News Incl 12.27am Weathe
12.30 The Late Book A Spell of

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SKY NEWS

SKY MOVIES

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members, led by the suitably charismatic David (Nicholas Clay) rescued/kidnapped Charity/Lou-ise back again. "Hang on," com-manded Jardine (James Macpherson). "Can we just establish who's supposed to have kidnapped been kissed for a long time. They whom?" Don't you love a police-

gave Laura Ashley a bad name

you be a bit more precise? asked

DS Reid (Blythe Duff). She wasn't

Nor, I'm afraid, was I. Do you

remember when Taggart used to be totally impenetrable for at least

the first half-hour. Oh, happy

days. Last night's opener began-

with two garden-centre employees.

rescuing/kidnapping Louise/ Charity from the cult — aided and

abetted by a Vietnamese pot-

bellied pig. Improbable, I grant

Shortly afterwards, the cult

taking this seriously - not yet

ne day I'm going to start also wear the sort of frocks that man with a grasp of grammar? iny own cult None of your gave Laura Ashley a bad name Very soon, however, neither Very soon, however, neither kidnapping nor grammar mattered. Someone had murdered Louise's parents and stuck them in their naff, garden-centre fountain. Then somebody murdered Jardine's minister, pausing only to fill the church with a plague of frogs. Then Reid found the long-dead body of a former cult member, together with his long-dead dog. This, at last, was getting more like

> enough. The humour ele-ment continues to be poorly judged, with know-it-all DC Fraser the main culprit, the character being rendered unbelievable first by the script and then by Colin Mcredie's goggle-eyed and presumably director-driven performance. There's also a glibness creeping in happy to sacrifice credibility if it

> means a neater story or punchier

REVIEW Matthew

pherson and Duff on customary

Bond

Bad business as usual for Taggart followers

ut still not nearly like it dialogue. Perhaps I missed the episode with the Damascene conversion that allowed Jardine to trade biblical quotations with David (no marks for guessing who got to deliver "Beware false prophets ... ") but I do know that having Superintendent McVitie (lan Anders) sign up for evening classes secretly run by the cult was a subplot too far. Still, with Mac-

good form and Clay having a high old time as the charismatic cult leader who's got to do what a charismatic cult leader's got to do. Don't be afraid, my dear: it's God's will") I'll be back for more.

The latest instalment of Incredible Journeys (BBCI) was notable for two things - three if you count the slight disappointment of discovering that the eels we were following were Australian rather than British. First was some superb underwater photography of the early stages of an eel's life (if it didn't involve Eamonn Holmes you really would be tempted to ask: "How do they do that?") and second the grisly discovery that real men, or at least Australian bushwhackers, skin eels ... using their reeth.

As I have mentioned before, Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall prefers a stout nail and good pair of pliers, so it was probably a good thing that eel was not on the menu

of TV Dinners (Channel 4), which It's certainly lovely television. I am increasingly convinced is the I have deliberately left Dispatch-I am increasingly convinced is the best television cookery show since Ready, Steady, Cook. Somebody at Channel 4 obviously agrees as the show is already back for a second series.

The key to its success is that it involves real people (com-plete with real foibles) who have only one thing in common: a passion for entertaining. As excentricities go, it is difficult to think of one that is more attractive or makes better television. Last night's programme was beautifully balanced, contrasting the bistro cooking of a wonderfully fussy Liverpool builder with a New Age couple who prepared their own regetarian wedding breakfast after tying a fairly informal but deeply touching knot in Avebury ring. According to Tommy, the key to a happy marriage was home-made pesto sauce. "It's love food."

es, (Channel 4) until last - partly to leave the maximum amount of time for the Channel 4 lawyers to ring and say it wasn't going out and partly to leave me the minimum amount of space to repeat any of the quite breathtaking allegations that were flying around. Suffice it to say, they involved Neil Hamilton, Ian Greer, plump brown envelopes and Mohamed Al Faved. It may not have been the most

objective documentary ever, but it was certainly one of the most entertaining, with Fayed - once you were attuned to his accent - in cracking form. He described Hamilton in terms that can only be described as unparliamentary. The printable thrust of this wellpaced report was that Parliament

is not fit to govern itself, let alone us. If only half of what was alleged was true, I think it proved its point.

BBC1 6.00am BUSINESS BREAKFAST (87524) 7.00 BBC BREAKFAST NEWS (T) (82982). 9.00 BREAKFAST NEWS EXTRA (1)

founded on the belief that true

spiritual enlightenment can only

be attained by a selfless dedication

to grumpiness. Members will

dress in unflatiering shades of taupe, spend endless hours rhyth-

mically chanting the special man

tra (tut-tut groan, tut-tut groan)

and pass periods of quiet reflection

searching for the secret messages

Yellow Pages.

contained in out-of-date volumes of

cracy, we'll have to make do with

television's idea of cults, as we did.

once again last night as a new

Taggart (ITV) story got underway. The Children of the New Millenni-

um giggle in the way they did on

the planets Captain Kirk used to

beam: down to when he hadn't.

(4707833) 9.20 ALL OVER THE SHOP (8777307). 9.45 KILROY (1974659) 10.30 CAN'T COOK, WON'T COOK (27982) 11.00 NEWS (1) and weather (8260611) 11.05 THE REALLY USEFUL SHOW.

(2543508) 11.45 SMILLIE'S PEOPLE (6054678) 12.00 NEWS (1) REGIONAL NEWS and 12.05pm THE ALPHABET GAME (6096814)

12.30 GOING FOR A SONG (4739369) 12.55 THE WEATHER SHOW (27244036) 1.00 NEWS (1) and weather (92369) 1.30 REGIONAL NEWS (44817630) 1.40 NEIGHBOURS Darren loses his temper (T) (74726727)

2.05 FILM: Heart of a Child (1994) starting Ann Jillian, Michele Green and Terry O'Quinn. A woman in the eighth month of pregnancy discovers her unborn baby. has a rare condition which means she won't survive after birth; her husband agrees to donate the unborn child's organs to another needly infant. Directed by Sandor Stern (3990291)

3.30 PLAYDAYS (3734388) 3.50 The Friday The plight of the Romanian street children (1) (7947833) 5.10 Blue Peter (1)

5.35 NEIGHBOURS (†) (1) (361746) 6.00 NEWS (T) and weather (901) 6.30 NEWSROOM SOUTHEAST (253) 7.00 BIG BREAK Jim Davidson introduces

the snooker-based gameshow with professional players Ray Reardon, Jason Ferguson and Mick Price politing for prizes for contestants (II) (2271) 7.30 TOP OF THE POPS (1) (765)

8.00 TONY BULLIMORE - THE GREAT SURVIVOR The British vacitismed tells Martin Bashir his extraordinary tale of Ocean (6949)

8.30 NOEL'S TELLY YEARS Noel Edmonds on television, fads and fashions of 1971. quizzing actor Simon Williams, 26 years ago a star of Upstars Downstalis, and Jim Bowen (1) (5456)

9.00 NEWS (1) and weather (7036)
9.30 TEXAS JUSTICE True-life story of the wealthlest man ever to be tried for murder in the United States. With Peter Strauss and Heather Locklear (1/2) (T) (58340)

10.00 FIVE NATIONS PREVIEW Eddie Butler looks torward to rugby union's five nations' championship (8525497) 11.25 FILM: Funny about Love (1991) starring Gene Wilder, Christine Lahti and Mary Stuart Masterson. When a success cartoonist and his caterer wife have trouble starting a family, he agrees to conceive with a young surrogate mum. Directed by Leonard Nimoy (1) (620307)

WALES: 11.25 Indoor Bowls (932253)

12.05am FILM: Funny about Love (340370) 1.40 News headlines (2363437)

1.00am WEATHER (5556586) -VideoPlus+ and the Video PlusCodes The numbers next to each TV programme listing are Video PlusCode "numbers, which isong ara violo Pass-com Traticos, which allow you to programme your video recorder Instantly with a VideoPlus+" handest. Tap in the Video PlusCode, for the programme you wish to record, VideoPlus+("), PlusCode ("), and Video Programmer are trademarks of Gemeter Development Ltd.

### BBC2

6.00am OPEN UNIVERSITY: Utilitarianism -6.25 Crime and Punishment (4117494) 6.50 Victorian Ways of Death (4285123) 7,15 See Hear News (6064272) 7,30 Helpi It's the Hair Bear Bunch (2510949) 7,55 The Really Wild Show (2307104) 8,20 Just So Stories (3346745) 8,35 The Record (3454659) 9.00 Daylime on Two: The French Experience (4714123) 9.15 The Statistics Collection (232104) 9.45 Watch (8286456) 10.00 Playdays (77562) 10.30 Hotch Potch House (5590456) 10.50 Focus (4205659) 11.00 Look and Read (5996920) 11.20 Short - Circuit (\$239104) 11.40 English Time (6037901) 12.00 English File (49104) 12.30pm Working Lunch (76746) 1.00 Scene (83611) 1.30 LE Club (44808524) 1.45 Words and Pictures (44834307) 2.00 Just So Strain (8292748)

So Stories (86362746) 2.10 SPORT ON FRIDAY Tim Henman's third round metch against Michael Chang in the Australian Open; the English Open Table Tennis finals; and a preview of the weekend's five nations' rugby union matches. WALES: Bowls (636901)

3.55 NEWS (2439920) 4.00 TODAY'S THE DAY (494) 4.30 Ready, Steady, Cook (678) 5.00 Esther (8307) 5,30 Going, Going, Gone (630) 6.00 AUSTRALIAN OPEN TENNIS TIM Henman's third round match against Michael Chang, the No 2 seed (84765)

7.00 TIMEWATCH: KANIKAZE Second World War kamikaze pilots recall what it was like to five with the ever-present lear of being killed in action (r) (1) (418901) 7.50 A WEEK TO REMEMBER (b/w)

8.00 WILDERNESS WALKS Cameron McNeish explores the hills of Mull accompanied by the Shadow Health Secretary, Chris Smith (T) (7291) 8.30 GARDENING FROM SCRATCH Advice



Craig Charles returns (9.00pm)

RED DWARF New series. As the crew struggle to make an Improbable come-back from the dead, Uster embarks on an intergalactic quest for vindaloo (T) (5878)

9.30 NEVER MIND THE BUZZCOCKS (T) 10.00 ROOM 101 with Richard Wilson (r) (1) (40833)

10.30 NEWSNIGHT (T) (616388) 11.15 SPACE: ABOVE AND BEYOND Sci-fi adventures (651611)

12.00 FiLM: A Night in the Life of Jimmy Reardon (1938) starring River Phoenix and Meredith Bexter. A sensitive 17-year-old's romantic plan to track his true love down to Hawaii sets him on a collision course with his martinet father. Directed by William Richert (63091) 1.30am WEATHER (2347499)

### CHOICE

Travelling Light Channel 4. 3.30pm Land's End to John o'Groat's is not far enough for Tim Grundy and his cameraman, Peter Hamilton Their journey across Britain starts at Bishop's Rock lighthouse on the Isles of Scilly and will end at Muckle Flugga, on the northern tip of the Sheiland Islands. Their transport will be anything, ancient and modern, that comes conveniently to hand and the emphasis will be on local history and eccentric locals. What sets the series apart from most others of its kind is that viewers will have the chance to influence the filterary by suggesting routes and places to visit. How much notice Grundy and Hamilton take of these suggestions remains to be seen. Today's leg of the journey takes the pair to Tresco and St Mary's and then on to the Cornish mainland for a visit to (what else?) a tin mine.

Betjeman Revisited

Channel 4, 8.00pm More black-and-white nostalgia sees John Betjeman mooching round the West Country in the early 1960s and being appalled by the cars and lorries rumbling through its once peaceful towns. "Traffic-murdered" is his phrase for first Chippenham and then Crewkerne and Betjeman has the footage to prove it. But being Betjeman he knows how to get off the overbeaten track and discover a medieval church here, a Tudor house there and a strong candidate for the prettiest street in England. But the railway, Betjeman' great love, was also a destroyer. In another short film he goes to Northlew in Devon. Once it was almost a town. But when the railway opened near by, Northlew's trade went with it. By Betjeman's visit in 1962 the place is almost descried. "Traffic", muses the future Poet Laureate, "changes everything."

Red Dwarf: Tikka to Ride BBC2, 9.00vm

Although repeats have obscured the fact, it is three years since the last new series of the science fiction spoof ended with what has become one of the longest cliffhangers in television history. As the final credits rolled selves. But Sherlock Holmes is not the only character to have two fictional lives and at a stroke of the scriptwriter's pen (or, more likely, a tap on his computer keyboard) lister, Kryten, Cat and Rimmer are back as if they had never gone away. But, horror of horrors, curry supplies have run out, much to the grief of Craig Charles's Lister. Given the nature of the show it is only logical that the curry hunt should send the lads back to Dallas in 1963, and to the building where a gunman is poised to kill President Kennedy. From there invention knows no bounds.

The Ruth Rendell Mysteries: Bribery and Corruption

ITV. 9.00pm An attractive seaside town somewhere in the south of England provides the deceptively benign backdrop to a typical Rendell tale of troubled relationships and tortured souls. When a woman's body is fished out of the harbour, clearly dead before it entered the water, the murder inquiry throws up two obvious suspects. One is her estranged husband (Paul Freeman), the other her secret husband (Paul Freeman), the other her secret lover (Tim Woodward). But this being Rendell it is more complicated than that and what starts as a relatively simple whodunnit becomes something much deeper and darker. This latest Rendell series is based on her short stories and sometimes the material has been stretched thin. Bribery and Corruption is not only spread over two episodes but contains more than sufficient to

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6.00am GMTV (1620633) 9.25 WIN, LOSE OR DRAW (8752098) 9.55 REGIONAL NEWS (9555123) 10.00 THE TIME, THE PLACE (71388) 10.30 THIS MORNING (83115307) 12.20pm REGIONAL NEWS (7854814) 12.30 NEWS (I) and weather (4757765) 12.55 WISH YOU WERE HERE? (r) (T)

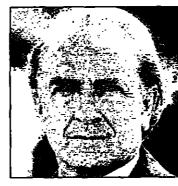
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5.40 NEWS (1) and weather (504524) 6.00 HOME AND AWAY (r) (T) (388949) 6.25 HTV NEWS (T) (768123) 7.00 WHEEL OF FORTUNE Hosted by Bradley Walsh (T) (2369)

7.30 CORONATION STREET Ken and Denise discuss what would be best for Dantel's future (1) (833) 8.00 THE BILL Garfield objects when his officers are forced to work with security guards — but they may be his only hope of solving a victous mugging and burglary

ጠ (101ሽ 8,30 EYE SPY Selina Scott finds out how police in Hong Kong used video cameras to fight the multi million-pound trade in smuggled goods and meets police dogs trained to use cameras (T) (7104)



9.00 THE RUTH RENDELL MYSTERIES: Bribery and Corruption First of a two-part drama Woodward (T) (9746) 10.00 NEWS (T) and weather (44659)

10.29 WEATHER (406630)

10.30 FILM: Breaking the Silence starring Gregory Harrison, Stephanie Zimbalist and Chris Young. A teenager is accused of killing his tether. The case looks unless his lawyer can help him to confront the abuse he suffered as a child, and use his mother's refusal to testify to their advantage. Directed by Robert (scove (T) (44537036)

12.30 FUNKY BUNKER (46789) 1.30 CLUB NATION (4023215) 2.35 SHIFT (7677128) 3.35 COLLINS AND MACONIE'S MOVIE CLUB (r) (83358215)

4.05 DEAR NICK (r) (1128895) 5.00 CORONATION STREET (1) (T) (84876) 5.30 ITN MORNING NEWS (44673)

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1.30 BAYWATCH (1813296) 2.25 CYBER CAFE (8512876) 2.55 COLLINS AND MACONIE'S MOVIE

3,20 MURDER SHE WROTE (6354741) 4.10 CENTRAL JOBFINDER '97 (9289128) 5.20 ASIAN EYE (5384012)

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12.20pm-12.30 ILLUMINATIONS (7854814) 12.55-1.25 EMMERDALE (4732456) 1.55 HIGH ROAD (74723630) 5.10-5.40 HOME AND AWAY (8997098)

6.00-7.00 WESTCOUNTRY LIVE presented

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the Ball Tolls. Jessica investigates the murder of the owner of three New York buildings. Starring Angela Lansbury and Herbert Edelman (8179901) TIMPSON'S COUNTRY CHURCHES. John Timpson uncovers some unusual East Anglian church memorials, including one to St Uncumber, a girl who grew a beard to

escape marriage (9292814) 5.10-5.40 SHORTLAND STREET (8997098) **6.25-7.00 ANGLIA NEWS** (768123) 10.29 ANGLIA AIR WATCH (406630)

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3.30 CHOICE TRAVELLING LIGHT New series (T) (727)

4.00 FIFTEEN-TO-ONE (T) (562) 4.30 COUNTDOWN (T) (746)

5.00 DEATH OF VENICE The light to save Venice from pollution (r) (1) (2982) 6.00 TFI FRIDAY with Chris Evans. The guests

include Stuart Pearce and Blur (79833) 7.00 CHANNEL 4 NEWS includes a report that successive British governments have covered up the full story of Bloody Sunday for a generation (1) (168036) 7.55 THE SLOT (183036)

8.00 CHUCE BETJEMAN REVISITED
Betjeman travels to Northlew in Devon, Swindon and Crewkerne, Somerset (T) (9659) 8.30 BROOKSIDE Will Jimmy and Jackie kiss

and make up or is it time to say one last goodbye? (1) (1494)



9.00 DRESSING FOR BREAKFAST (2/7) Sitcom starring Beatie Edney and Holly Ard. Louise and Carla decide to get fit and raise money for a good cause, which fitness instructor from hell (T) (5366)

9.30 SPIN CITY American sitcom starring Michael J. Fox Mike is delighted when he is named sexiest man in New York, until the label begins to play havoc with his

love life (T) (81678) 10.00 ROSEANNE Jackie and Roseanne are besieged when news of their lottery win becomes known (T) (35901)

10.30 CAPTAIN BUTLER (3/6) Comedy with Craig Charles A superstitious panic spreads among the crew (T) (995307) 11.05 THE GIRLIE SHOW (454630)

11.35 TFI FRIDAY (r) (224291) 12.40am DANI DARES Dani Behr attends a course in cornedy writing and delivery, culminating in a Saturday night spot at London's Comedy Store (3/5) (7777857) 1.10 FiLM: Beach Blanket Bingo (1965) Camp comedy starring Frankie

Buster Keaton and Linda Evans, directed by William Asher (589505) 3.00 FILM: Play It Cool (1963, b/w). British musical with Billy Fury, Helen Shapiro, Bobby Vee and Lionel Blair, directed by Michael Winner (32234)

4.30 FILM: Head (1968) A surreal musical comedy with the Monkees Directed by Bob Ralelson (1259166). Ends at 5.55

For more comprehensive stings of satellite and cable channels, see the Directory. published on Saturday SKY 1

8.00em Noming Mix (420630) 9.00 Designing Women (76272) 9.30 Designing Women (7262) 10.00 Another World (48291) 11.00 Days of Our Lives (26727) 12.00 Oprah

SKY 2 7.00pm Beierly Hills 90210 (8080123) \$.00 40Melmas Piece (8046543) 9.00 Pacific Drug (8086307) 16,00 Tales from the Cryst 6860727) 70.30 Tales from the Crypt R879475| 11.00 Late Show (7133633) 12.00 Ha Mir Long Play (9157147)

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SKY MOVIES GOLD 4.00pm He Girl Friday (1940) (7784758) 6.00 Spenser: For Hire (1985) (8795011) 8.00 Project X (1987) (9707456) 10.00 Out for Justice (1997); (2538233) 11.25 Lady in Centent (1968) (483227); 1.10am The King of Marvin Gardens (1972) (453215) 2.55 The Pick-Up Artist (1967) (39751878) 4.20-5.50 Renoche Hotorious (1952) (2826505) THE DISNEY CHANNEL

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8.00pm The Rugby Club (\$193683) 10.00 Wresting Raw (7947938) 11.00 8/g Leegue Classics (477982) 12.30am-1.00 Second Imings: Chiclet (1446321) SKY SPORTS 3 12.00 Bud Pro Surfing (\$7075611) 1.00pm League Review (\$8192765) 2.30 World of Saing (\$1181475) 3.00 Trans World Sport (43950017) 4.00 Tight Lines (4393924) 5.00 Shooting: Gemelore White Gold Cup (75497727) 6.00 Bud Pro Surfing (\$7004123) 7.00 Friday Night Footbell (\$1452455) 10.00 Inside the PSA Tour (20531291) 1.100 Shooting (43930253) at an 1.200 World Shooting (43930253)

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GRANADA PLUS 6.00em The Krypton Factor (8358035) 6.30
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# Stress fracture that broke Keegan's spirit

WITH the fog thickening outside, and cigar smoke growing denser in the boardroom, the Newcastle United chairman and directors stayed long into the night willing to clear some air on the end of the Kevin Keegan years. After Kenny Dalglish's team had progressed in the FA Cup on Wednesday, the consensus was that Keegan, the cavalier, had driven himself so hard that anxiety had become a compulsion.

"We have flown by the seat of our pants." Sir John Hall, Keegan's chairman through five astonishing years, said. But he's gone. I cannot change that We had known from the end of last season that Kevin felt he had taken this club as far as he could. I tried, we all tried, to dissuade him. I kept hoping that he would come through it, but in the end he decided against that. I'll always feel privileged and proud to have been part of the Keegan years, but the game, the demands, are changing, and Newcastle Uni-ted have to be ready." Sir John, Freddie Fletcher,

the Newcastle chief executive, and other directors insisted that Keegan was not pushed because of the announcement yesterday of the flotation of shares, aimed at bringing in upwards of £50 million, restructuring the club and clearing some of its debts. The man is a perfectionist," Sir

John said. Keegan had, apparently, blamed himself for the manner in which his team, built at such enormous cost, had allowed the championship to slip away last season after they had led Manchester United by 12 points. He talked, not week by week but periodically, of handing the club on, as it eventually was this week to Dalglish. The resistance to that talk was finally broken on the Monday after Newcastle's drawn FA Cup tie away to Charlton Athletic.

Fletcher, who worked daily on the administration of Keegan's work, was aware that the manager had walked out of another press conference, this time after being confronted over a Sunday Mirror story saying that he



morning after training, Fletch-er, realising that the lid could no longer be kept on Keegan's mood fluctuations and his feeling of entrapment, told Keegan that the club could not lie in the face of the revelations. It was Fletcher, not as had been reported the City bankers, who put it to Keegan that, if he intended to leave, he should go straight away.

Suggestions that Keegan's wife, Jean, was ill were exaggerated. She had a dose of flu. though obviously Keegan was bound to transmit his growing disaffection, the joy turning to lear of failure, to his family. Jean Keegan could not forget the day in 1976 when, having pushed his body to the point of collapse during a competitive

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BBC Superstars event in London, he had blanked out in the car as she drove him home. A specialist, treating him for serious intestinal pain. told Keegan: "The human body is designed to run at 70mph; you have been trying to run at 110mph. You are lucky — it could have been your brain or your heart."

Recalling this at the training ground at Maiden Castle, Durham, recently, Keegan admitted that he found it difficult to say no to all manner of public appearances. He felt it his duty to respond to requests of people who, like himself in boyhood, had very little in their lives and were inspired by the stars of the game. And being poor at delegating, he could surround himself with so many assistants, but took virtually all of the stress on himself.

Once Keegan accepted

Newcastle had no ready-made replacement lined up. Fletch-er, though, with Freddie Shepherd, the vice-chairman, and

Douglas Hall, a director and

son of Sir John, were soon discussing terms with Dalglish, while Sir John was trying to persuade Bobby Robson in Barcelona. Sir John denies that there was ever "a family feud" between himself and his son. He describes the process as normal company business, sounding out potential candidates, of which there were two more — unnamed ~ who were interviewed by

Fletcher.

Sir John, having driven Newcastle towards what he expects to be a European league early in the new millennium, and having expanded the club into rugby, a planned academy of sport, a school of sports science and a new, 55,000-seat stadium, will not stand down as chairman, though equally, he will not lead the new and separate shareholding company when it is launched, probably in

Instead, with Dalglish, Sir John intends to oversee the sports academy, to build a schooling and grooming facility the equal of Ajax of Amsterdam. "Éven in Bosman times, there is talent in the North East that should be coming through for the future of this club," he said.

Sir John regards the difference between Robson and Dalglish this way: They are two very, very successful men. Kenny has done it here in England, and Bobby on a European scale. I've talked to Kenny now, I realise there is always a story behind the story when it comes to allegations that he couldn't take the pressure at Liverpool, and I'm sure he will analyse this dub very quickly, sure that he will make changes."

The changes, indeed: from a Newcastle United era that entertained us beyond compare in recent times, to one with a new manager whose brief is to be as pragmatic as he likes, but to win. Dalglish is a past master at that, but Tyneside may lose some fun in the process.

### Russell revels in role reversal



After his enforced absence as England wicketkeeper, Jack Russell, right, made the most of a rare chance as a

substitute fielder to run out Mark Greathatch with a direct throw to help England to victory over a Select XI in congratulates him. Report, page 41

New Zealand. Alec Stewart, who replaced Russell behind the stumps.

### Scotland hooker pulls out with neck injury

AND DAVID HANDS

KEVIN McKENZIE, the Stirling County hooker, has withdrawn from the Scotland rugby union team to play Wales at Murrayfield in the opening round of five nations championship matches tomor-row. McKenzie, 28, has a neck injury and is replaced by Graham Ellis, of Currie, who wins his first cap. Steve Brotherstone, of Melrose, joins the squad as a eplacement.

There was better news of Gregor Townsend, who took a full part in training yesterday and showed no ill-effects from a shoulder injury.
Eight of the Scottish exiles

including Andy Reed and David Hilton, who are in the Scotland side, ended their sixmonth dispute with the Scottish Rugby Union and signed contracts worth up to £15,000 a man, -plus win bonuses. Three players from Newcastle - Gary Armstrong, Doddie Weir and Peter Walton - and Ronnie Eriksson, of London

Rob Andrew Upbeat Wainwright

Scottish, are hoping to sign

The International Rugby Football Board (IRFB), the game's ruling body, hopes to dispose of the vexed question of international eligibility when it concludes its annua meeting in Dublin today.

The board seeks to pu egislation in place which will mean that, once a player has been chosen for one country either for its first XV, or as a replacement, or in the second XV — then there will be no opportunity to appear for another country.

At present a three-year qualification period exists for players who consider switching countries: the situation partic ularly affects the Pacific nations, many of whose players have spent their lives in New Zealand or who may go to Australia in the hope of finding a better standard of living. But such nations as Western Samoa and Fiji desperately need to protect their assets and, if global standards are to be improved, the IRFB needs to offer some shelter so that the few rich countries do not

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Blyth tangled in rigging mystery Every boat in the fleet is reduce Blyth's overall profit strands in the lower shrouds

By EDWARD GORMAN SAILING CORRESPONDENT

AFTER the succession of rig problems that befell the BT Global Challenge fleet during the Southern Ocean leg, the 14 yachts are going through a refit in Wellington, New Zealand, that is costing Chay Blyth, the race organiser, more than £100,000.

It was always planned to take the yachts out of the water at Wellington, but the scale of the work being undertaken reflects the concern that Blyth and his technical director, Andrew Roberts, have about the state of the rigs.

having almost all of its standing rigging replaced at a total cost of more than £50,000. Repairing Concert will cost at least as much again because she needs a new mast and all her standing rigging replaced. The task presents a huge logistical challenge and a great deal of work that has to be completed well in advance of the start of the next leg, to Sydney, on February 9. The cost, which includes flying out parts made in Plymouth and Doncaster and employing three riggers, is being met from a "contingency budget".

The bill could significantly

RIGGING THE CHANGES

The parts of the standing rigging market in red are to be replaced in each of the 14 Global Challenge yachts

D1 or aft

Roberts said that, despite the cost, there was no doubt in his or Blyth's minds that they had to install new rigs. "A very high proportion of what we are taking off is completely undamaged," he said. "But we can't take the risk. The race is too serious."

According to Roberts's latest findings. 11 boats suffered failure. Five had broken strands in

the forestay, which runs from the masthead to the bow, with three of them showing similar deterioration in the backstay.

Type of wire: Stainless steel multistrand

Total length of wire: 200 metres

Rigging to be rep

Two yachts had broken

dismasting. In the previous race, four years ago, seven boats had rig problems and one was dismasted as a result of a faulty forestay fitting. This time, Roberts, who has already spent many hours analysing the wires and fittings, is still unsure of what is causing the failures. The faulty toggle has been identified and replaced but the strand failures remain

(D1), which connect the deck to

the inboard end of the lower

spreaders, and seven had

strand failures in their star-

board intermediate shroud

(D2), which runs up to the

inboard end of the middle

failure of a toggle, a fitting at the end of the wire, at the

outboard end of the diagonal

that runs between the top two

sets of spreaders (D3) and

which, on Concert, caused a

Three of them also had a

spreaders.

In the past, identical rigging wire on Challenge yachts has lasted more than 100,000 miles before showing signs of fatigue. This time the wires have failed after just 16,000 miles of sailing, about 12,000 of which was made up of the first two legs of the race. Without the cause being pinpointed, the wires might fail again in a race that still has 20,000 miles to run.

Roberts is examining a number of theories. One is that the damage has been caused to starboard stays because the yachts have been on a starboard tack for the majority of the race. Another is that crews have been tightening stays incorrectly, causing the wires to twist. A third centres on a new design of spreader-end fitted at the beginning of the race that has led to movement that might, in turn, create extra stress on How do you feel about your phone bill?



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